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THE OSTEND CONFERENCE.

Report of Messrs. Buchanan, Mason and Soule,
ON THE ACQUISITION OF CUBA.

Bold and Important Recommendations.

CUBA AT ANY COST!

SOULE AND MARCY CORRESPONDENCE

Special Dispatch to the New-York Daily Times.

WASHINGTON, Monday, March 5, 1855.

The SOULE correspondence will make an octavo volume. It has gone back to the State Department.

The first letter is from Mr. MARCY to Mr. SOULE, dated July 23, 1853. After showing that Cuba, from its vast agricultural resources and wealth, its fine climate, &c., is vastly superior to any other West India island, and showing its importance to the United States, from the proximity to our coasts; that it is very difficult for Spain to maintain its possession of it, Mr. MARCY goes on to say what is our policy in regard to it, and for that purpose quotes the instructions given to our Ministers in France and Great Britain in regard to the interference of those two Powers in Cuban affairs. He deprecates protection by any European power to Cuba to enable Spain to maintain her rule over it. In case of collision with the United States, such protecting power would be in an good condition to make use of that Island to annoy us, as it would be if it were in actual possession. He alludes to British interference in Central America, to show what protection means. While Spain remains the Sovereign of Cuba, she can depend upon our maintaining our duty as a neutral nation towards her. Mr. MARCY says our Neutrality Laws are now as strong as they can be made without unjust interference with the rights of the citizens—that every proper effort will be made to enforce them in case of revolution in Cuba. But necessarily, in such revolution, many discontented subjects of Spain will leave our shores to join their countrymen in the effort to throw off the yoke of Spain. Mr. SOULE is charged to do away with the suspicion of the Spanish Government that this Government is disposed to encourage filibuster descents upon the island, by presenting our past course upon such attempts. Mr. MARCY alludes to the offer of Mr. POLK to purchase Cuba, but doubts if Mr. SOULE will find Spain willing to enter into any such negotiation now. He says there is reason to believe she is under obligation to France and Great Britain to the contrary, from the fact that those powers sent their fleets to be assistance in the Cuban disturbance; from the proposition for a convention to secure the island for all time to Spain, and to their joint protest against the views of Mr. EVERETT to M. SARTIGES, in December 18, 1852.

Mr. MARCY thinks a proposition to purchase would be attended with injurious consequences; and Mr. SOULE is instructed to ascertain what arrangements have been made with Great Britain and France in regard to sustaining the dominion of Spain. If either of them have urged a change in regard to Slavery in the Island, Mr. MARCY thinks Spain may be induced to see that she cannot long hold Cuba, and may be disposed to make it independent of her retaining some commercial advantages, &c. If Spain would do this, the United States would have no further anxiety in regard to European domination, and would probably contribute something more substantial than good will toward such an end. If Cuba is to remain in possession of Spain we have a right demand exemption from the annoyance which the exercise of her arbitrary power to repress disturbances gives our flag. We will not submit to detention and search of our vessels. Our demands for wrongs inflicted upon our citizens have not been attended to, or have been met by unsatisfactory explanations. This must be remedied. The Captain General ought to have power to accord redress as well as to inflict injury. We want also a Commercial Treaty with Spain, that the export duty in her Colonies may be done away with, that we may have the same advantages in trade we accord her, we being prohibited by law from assessing export duties.

The second letter is from Mr. MARCY to Mr. BUCHANAN, July 2, 1853, in which he complains of the course of Great Britain in keeping large fleets on the Cuban coast to watch us.

When a country by her despotism goads her people to revolution, she has no better right to invoke foreign aid to suppress it than the revolutionists have in support of their cause. We will not quietly submit to the importation of free Africans into Cuba with the object of making that Island worthless to us when Spain finds she can no longer hold it; and Great Britain and France must be made aware of this. Mr. BUCHANAN, if he finds Great Britain has any arrangement with Spain detrimental to our interests in regard to Cuba, must use his best endeavors to induce her to abandon them.

Mr. MARCY to Mr. SOULE, March 11, 1854, recounts the *Black Warrior* outrage in indignant terms, instructs Mr. SOULE to demand redress, but recommends no specific means to get it.

March 17th, 1854, same to same, in regard to *Black Warrior*, says the country will not brook any delay in the settlement of that outrage. Demands $300,000 indemnity to owners, and does not expect Mr. SOULE to discuss that matter much with the Spanish Government. If Spain seeks to delay or evade the payment it will be considered an aggravation of the wrong. Spain must at once pay and disclaim the action of her officers in Cuba, or assume the responsibility of such action and refuse our claim.

Here follows the printed *Black Warrior* documents, sent to the House March 15, 1854.

Mr. MARCY to Mr. SOULE, April 2, 1854, fears that a project is on foot to introduce a new system of agricultural labor into Cuba, and the President in consequence deems it proper to give Mr. SOULE full powers to negotiate for the purchase of Cuba. He thinks the difficulties in regard to the purchase may have been partially removed by the late change in the Spanish Government. If not disposed to sell, still he thinks for the *quid pro quo* he would consent to the independence of the Island, and offers to aid Spain in plotting to bring about such independence. He again deprecates the African colonization scheme, and directs our Minister to ascertain if any such scheme is in contemplation.

Mr. Marcy to Mr. Soulé.

"Extracts No. 19."

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,
WASHINGTON, Aug. 16, 1854.

PIERRE SOULE, Esq., &c., &c., Madrid:

SIR: I am directed by the President to suggest to you a particular step, from which he anticipated much advantage to the negotiations with which you are charged on the subject of Cuba.

These and other considerations which will readily occur to you, suggest that much may be done at London and Paris either to promote directly the great object in view, or at least to clear away impediments to its successful consummation.

Under these circumstances it seems desirable that there should be a full and free interchange of views between yourself, Mr. BUCHANAN, and Mr. MASON, in order to secure a concurrence in reference to the general object.

The simplest and only very apparent means of attaining this end is for the three Ministers to meet as early as may be, at some convenient point, *say Paris*, to consult together to compare opinions as to what may be advisable, and to adopt measures for perfect concert of action in aid of your negotiations at Madrid. While the President, as I have before had occasion to state, has full confidence in your own intelligence and sagacity, he conceives that it cannot be otherwise than agreeable to you and to your colleagues in Great Britain and France to have the consultation suggested, and thus to bring your common wisdom and knowledge to bear simultaneously upon the negotiations at Madrid, London and Paris.

If you concur in these views, you will please to fix the time when you can repair to Paris, or to such other convenient point.

OFFICIAL REPORT OF THE OSTEND CONFERENCE.

WASHINGTON, Monday, March 5, 1855.

The following is the official report made to the Secretary of State of the results of the celebrated Ostend Conversation:

AIX LA CHAPELLE, Oct. 18, 1854.

To Hon. WM. L. MARCY, Secretary of State:

SIR: The undersigned, in compliance with the wish expressed by the President in the several confidential dispatches you have addressed to us respectively to that effect, have met in conference, first at Ostend in Belgium, on the 10th and 11th inst., and then at Aix La Chapelle in Prussia, on the days next following up to the date hereof.

There has been a full and unreserved interchange of views and sentiments between us, which we are most happy to inform you has resulted in a cordial coincidence of opinion on the grave and important subjects submitted to our consideration.

We have arrived at the conclusion and are thoroughly convinced that an immediate and earnest effort ought to be made by the Government of the United States to purchase Cuba from Spain at any price for which it can be obtained, not exceeding the sum of ——— dollars.

The proposal should, in our opinion, be made in such a manner as to be presented through the necessary diplomatic forms to the Supreme Constituent Cortes about to be assembled. On this momentous question, in which the people both of Spain and the United States are so deeply interested, all our proceedings ought to be open, frank and public. They should be of such a character as to challenge the approbation of the world.

We firmly believe that in the progress of human events the time has arrived when the vital interests of Spain are as seriously involved in the sale as those of the United States in the purchase of the Island; and that the transaction will prove equally honorable to both nations.

Under these circumstances we cannot anticipate a failure, unless possibly through the malign influence of foreign powers who possess no right whatever to interfere in the matter.

We proceed to state some of the reasons which have brought us to the conclusion, and for the sake of clearness we shall specify them under two distinct heads.

First—The United States ought, if practicable, to purchase Cuba with as little delay as possible.

Second—The probability is great that the Government and Cortes of Spain will prove willing to sell it, because this would essentially promote the highest and best interests of the Spanish people.

The first—It must be clear to every reflecting mind, that from the peculiarity of its geographical position and the considerations attendant on it, Cuba is as necessary to the North American Republic as any of its present members, and that it belongs naturally to that great family of States of which the Union is the providential nursery.

From its locality it commands the mouth of the Mississippi, and the immense annually increasing trade which must seek this avenue to the Ocean. On the numerous navigable streams measuring an aggregate course of some 30,000 miles, which disembogue themselves through this magnificent river into the Gulf of Mexico, the increase of the population within the last ten years amounts to more than that of the entire Union, at the time Louisiana was annexed to it.

The natural and main outlet to the products of this entire population, the highway of their direct intercourse with the Atlantic and the Pacific States, can never be secure but must ever be endangered while Cuba is a dependency of a distinct power, in whose possession it has proved to be a source of constant annoyance and embarrassment to their interests.

Indeed, the Union can never enjoy repose, nor possess reliable security, as long as Cuba is not embraced within its boundaries.

Its immediate acquisition by our Government is of paramount importance, and we cannot doubt but that it is a consummation devoutly wished for by its inhabitants.

The intercourse which its proximity to our coasts begets and encourages between the citizens of the United States has in the progress of time so united their interests and blended their fortunes, that they now look upon each other as if they were one people and had but one destiny.

Considerations exist which renders delay in the acquisition of this Island exceedingly dangerous to the United States.

The system of immigration and labor lately organized within its limits, and the tyranny and oppression which characterize its immediate rulers threaten an insurrection at every moment, which may result in direful consequences to the American people.

Cuba has thus become to us an unceasing danger and a permanent cause of anxiety and alarm.

But we need not enlarge on these topics. It can scarcely be apprehended that foreign powers in violation of international law would interpose their influence with Spain to prevent our acquisition of the Island. Its inhabitants are now suffering under the worst of all possible governments—that of absolute despotism, delegated by a distant power to irresponsible agents who are changed at short intervals and who are tempted to improve the brief opportunity thus afforded to accumulate fortunes by the basest means.

As long as this system shall endure humanity may in vain demand the suppression of the African Slave-trade in the Island. This is rendered impossible while that infamous traffic remains an irresistible temptation and a source of immense profit to needy and avaricious officials, who to attain their end, scruple not to trample the most sacred principles under foot.

The Spanish Government at home may be well disposed, but experience has proved that it cannot control these remote depositories of its power.

Besides, the Commercial Nations of the world cannot fail to perceive and appreciate the great advantages which would result to their people from a dissolution of the forced and unnatural connection between Spain and Cuba, and the annexation of the latter to the United States. The trade of England and France with Cuba would, in that event, assume at once an important and profitable character, and rapidly extend with the increasing population and prosperity of the island.

But if the United States and every commercial nation be benefited by this transfer, the interests of Spain would also be greatly and essentially promoted. She cannot but see what such a sum of money as we are willing to pay for the island would effect in the development of her vast natural resources.

Two-thirds of this sum, if employed in the construction of a system of railroads, would ultimately prove a source of greater wealth to the Spanish people than that opened to their vision by CORTES. Their prosperity would date from the ratification of the treaty of cession. France has already constructed continuous lines of railroads from Havre, Marseilles, Valenciennes and Strasbourg, *via* Paris to the Spanish frontier, and anxiously awaits the day when Spain shall find herself in a condition to extend these roads through her northern Provinces to Madrid, Seville, Cadiz, Malaga and the frontier of Portugal.

This object once accomplished, Spain would become a centre of attraction for the travelling world and secure a permanent and profitable market for her various productions. Her fields, under the stimulus given to industry by remunerating prices, would teem with cereal grain, and her vineyards would bring forth a vastly increased quantity of choice wines. Spain would speedily become what a bountiful Providence intended she should be—one of the first nations of Continental Europe, rich, powerful, and contented.

Whilst two-thirds of the price of the island would be ample for the completion of her most important public improvements, she might, with the remaining forty (million) thousand, satisfy the demands now pressing so heavily upon her credit, and create a sinking fund, which would gradually relieve her from the overwhelming debt now paralyzing her energies.

Such is her present wretched financial condition, that her best Bonds are sold upon her own Bourse at about one-third of their par value, whilst another class on which she pays no interest have but a nominal value, and are quoted at about one-sixth of the amount for which they were issued.

Besides, these latter are held principally by British creditors who may, from day to day, obtain the effective interposition of their own Government for the purpose of coercing payment. Intimations to that effect have been already thrown out from high quarters, and, unless some new source of revenue shall enable Spain to provide for such exigencies, it is not improbable that they may be realized.

Should Spain reject the present golden opportunity for developing her resources, and removing her financial embarrassments, it may never again return.

Cuba in its palmiest days never yielded her Exchequer, after deducting the expenses of its Government, a clear annual income of more than a million and a half of dollars. These expenses have increased to such a degree as to leave a deficit chargable on the Treasury of Spain to the amount of six hundred thousand dollars.

In a pecuniary point of view, therefore, the Island is an incumbrance, instead of a source of profit, to the mother country.

Under no probable circumstances can Cuba ever yield to Spain one per cent. on the large amount which the United States are willing to pay for its acquisition.

But Spain is in imminent danger of losing Cuba without remuneration.

Extreme oppression, it is now universally admitted, justifies any people in endeavoring to relieve themselves from the yoke of their oppressors.

The sufferings which the corrupt, arbitrary and unrelenting local administration necessarily entails upon the inhabitants of Cuba, cannot fail to stimulate and keep alive that spirit of resistance and revolution against Spain which has of late years been so often manifested. In this condition of affairs, it is vain to expect that the sympathies of the people of the United States will not be warmly enlisted in favor of their oppressed neighbors.

We know that the President is justly inflexible in his determination to execute the neutrality laws, but should the Cubans themselves rise in revolt against the oppression which they suffer, no human power could prevent citizens of the United States, and liberal-minded men of other countries, from rushing to their assistance.

Besides, the present is an age of adventure, in which restless and daring spirits abound in every portion of the world. It is not improbable, therefore, that Cuba may be wrested from Spain by a successful revolution, and in that event she will not only lose the Island, but the price which we are now willing to pay for it—a price far beyond what was ever paid by one people to another for any province.

It may also be remarked that the settlement of this vexed question by the cession of Cuba to the United States would forever prevent the dangerous complications between nations to which it may otherwise give birth.

It is certain that should the Cubans themselves organize an insurrection against the Spanish Government, and should other independent nations come to the aid of Spain in the contest, no human power could, in our opinion, prevent the people and Government of the United States from taking part in such civil war, in support of their neighbors and friends.

But if Spain, deaf to the voice of her own interest, and actuated by stubborn pride and a false sense of honor, should refuse to sell Cuba to the United States, then the question will arise, what ought to be the course of the American Government under such circumstances?

Self-preservation is the first law of nature with States as well as with individuals. All nations have at different periods acted upon this maxim. Although it has been made the pretext for committing flagrant injustice, as in the partition of Poland and other similar cases which history records, yet the principle itself, though often abused, has always been recognized.

The United States have never acquired a foot of territory except by fair purchase, or, as in the case of Texas, upon the free and voluntary application of the people of that independent State, who desired to blend their destinies with our own.

Even our acquisitions from Mexico are no exception to the rule, because although we might have claimed them by the right of conquest, in a just way, yet we purchased them for what was then considered by both parties a full and ample equivalent.

Our past history forbids that we should acquire the Island of Cuba without the consent of Spain, unless justified by the great law of self-preservation. We must, in any event, preserve our own conscious rectitude and our own self respect.

Whilst pursuing this course, we can afford to disregard the censures of the world to which we have been so often and so unjustly exposed.

After we shall have offered Spain a price for Cuba far beyond its present value, and this shall have been refused, it will then be time to consider the question, does Cuba in the possession of Spain seriously endanger our internal peace and the existence of our cherished Union?

Should this question be answered in the affirmative, then by every law, human and divine, we shall be justified in wresting it from Spain, if we possess the power. And this upon the very same principle that would justify an individual in tearing down the burning house of his neighbor if there were no other means of preventing the flames from destroying his own home.

Under such circumstances we ought neither to count the cost nor regard the odds which Spain might enlist against us. We forbear to enter into the question whether the present condition of the Island would justify such a measure. We should, however, be recreant to our duty, be unworthy of our gallant forefathers and commit base treason against our posterity, should we permit Cuba to be Africanized and become a second St. Domingo, with all its attendant horrors to the white race, and suffer the flames to extend to our neighboring shores, seriously to endanger or actually to consume the fair fabric of our Union.

We fear that the course and current of events are rapidly tending towards such a catastrophe. We, however, hope for the best, though we ought certainly to be prepared for the worst.

We forbear also to investigate the present condition of the question at issue between the United States and Spain. A long series of injuries to our people have been committed in Cuba by Spanish officials, and are unredressed; but recently a most flagrant outrage on the rights of American citizens and on the flag of the United States was perpetrated in the harbor of Havana, under circumstances which, without immediate redress, would have justified a resort to measures of war in vindication of national honor. That outrage is not only unatoned, but the Spanish Government has deliberately sanctioned the acts of its subordinates, and assumed the responsibility attaching to them.

Nothing could more impressively teach us the danger to which those peaceful relations it has ever been the policy of the United States to cherish with foreign nations are constantly exposed, than the circumstances of that case,—situated as Spain and the United State are, the latter having forborne to resort to extreme measures.

But this course cannot, with due regard to their own dignity as an independent nation, continue. And our recommendations now submitted are dictated by the firm belief that the cession of Cuba to the United States, with stipulations as beneficial to Spain as those suggested, is the only effectual mode of settling all past differences, and of securing the two countries against future collisions.

We have already witnessed the happy results for both countries which followed a similar arrangement in regard to Florida.

Yours, very respectfully,
(Signed) JAMES BUCHANAN.
JOHN Y. MASON.
PIERRE SOULE.

A Solicitor for the New Court of Claims—Fierce Debate.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Daily Times.

WASHINGTON, Monday, March 5.

A somewhat fierce debate occurred in Executive session of the Senate on Saturday night, on the nomination of MONTGOMERY BLAIR, son of FRANCIS P. BLAIR, to be Solicitor of the new Claims Court. The objection made to him was a doubt as to whether he is "sound" or not on the Slavery question,—the suspicions being entertained that he was tainted with a rather enthusiastic devotion to the cause of Freedom.

In the course of the debate Mr. WADE, of Ohio, made a capital speech, in which he presented and developed the idea that the time is rapidly approaching when faithfulness to Anti-Slavery sentiments would be the test of "soundness." The only two votes against BLAIR's confirmation were cast by Senators MASON and BUTLER. S.

The Collins Appropriation and Veto.

Special Correspondence of the N. Y. Daily Times.

WASHINGTON, Sunday, March 4, 1855.

Congress has adjourned after a continuous sitting of *twenty-five hours*, marked by more excitement and confusion, but less of drunken debauchery, than ever before on any similar occasion within my recollection. The Veto of the Steamer Appropriation bill—unexpected as it was by every sensible man of all parties—added much to the excitement, and interfered seriously with the public business. When the question was taken in the House on passing the Steamer bill, the objections of the President notwithstanding, many Administration men who had stood by the Collins Line, and would have done so again whenever there was anything to be effected by so doing, voted against the bill. This was claimed by some of the Administration toadies as an evidence that the measure itself had suddenly become unpopular in the House. None know better than those who attempt to console themselves in this way for the defeat of the Administration, that this vote was no test. It was perfectly certain that the bill could not get a two-third vote; and so Administration men did not care to vote against the President on an ineffective side issue.

Of the veto I need say but little. There can be scarce a doubt that unprejudiced men, all over the country, will feel that in this act the President has usurped and exercised a tyrannical power most dangerous to the liberties of our Republic. His message is overflowing with the cant phrases of small demagogues, about "economy," "monopoly," and all that sort of thing. With the Collins *contract* the President has nothing to do. That contract was made before the country had discovered anything of FRANKLIN PIERCE, except that he had fainted in Mexico. A preceding Administration, judging by the facts then existing, decided and so enacted, that it was for the interest of the country that this contract should be made with Mr. COLLINS. The advantages of the contract were expected to be reciprocal. Mr. COLLINS was expected to perform certain mail service; and that service was not valuable merely as the service of a common carrier. The Collins ships were expected to be the medium through which we should compel Great Britain to make a Postal treaty with us. They were expected also to give greater celerity and regularity in the communication between the Old World and the New, and thus save a large aggregate of valuable time and the interest upon immense sums of money. These are important considerations which ought not to be lost sight of.

As I have stated in former communications, after the original contract had been entered into, Government found that to secure all the important advantages desired to be attained, it was necessary to ask of Mr. COLLINS greater efforts and greater outlays than had been anticipated, in order that he might counteract and overcome the multiplied obstacles which our British rivals were placing in the way of our success; and under these circumstances Congress voted to increase his compensation, reserving to *itself*—reserving "*to Congress*—" the power to discontinue this extra appropriation upon six months notice at any time after 1854. Mr. COLLINS went on with his enterprise, and obtained for the country all he promised, and much more. His enterprise has resulted in an actual saving to the United States, counted by millions per annum. But he desired to do still more, by building another and greater ship than any he now owns, to cross the ocean in still less time, and so maintain the American preeminence in the mercantile marine. Having, by his energy and enterprise, established the fact that the threatening "notice" hanging over his head was not necessary to ensure his performance of his contract, Congress, at the present session, thought proper to repeal its own power to give that notice; whereupon Dictator PIERCE steps in and tells Congress that they are a set of corrupt spendthrifts—that *he* don't think it for the interests of the country that *Congress* should place out of its hands a power which it had reserved to *itself*, and that therefore he chooses to violate the Constitution by giving it a forced, unnatural and dangerous construction, and under that construction vetoing the bill. In the country prepared for such an act of tyranny as this! I trust not. FRANKLIN PIERCE will yet learn that the veto power is not an inexhaustible element of popularity, upon which a weak, vascillating, ill-judging President can draw *ad libitum*, in the expectation that his capacity for mischief may blind the world to the want of moral power over the affections, sentiments or respect of the masses.

Now that the battle is over, I may say that the Collins' Appropriation as passed is in better shape for the interests of the Company, in my opinion, than was the vetoed bill; but the latter was by far the best for the country—because it provided for the building of another great ship which would have cost the Company a great deal of money to construct and to run on the one hand, while on the other, it would have reduced still further, I cannot doubt, the time between the United States and Europe, and so have been of additional advantage to America. The Appropriation, as passed, calls for no new exertions by Mr. COLLINS, entails no additional expenses upon the line, and continues the compensation heretofore allowed; and it is a remarkable fact, that at no time during the session has there been any serious disposition on the part of Congress to discontinue any part of that Appropriation, until the Administration sent the word into the House last night, *after* the veto, that the "notice" must be given. An attempt to rally the Opposition forces upon that issue was made, but failed most miserably. Such men as Gov. AIKEN, Messrs. ORR and BOYCE of South Carolina, and many others equally hightoned, refusing to engage in any such dirty work at anybody's bidding. So Mr. CAMPBELL has gained just nothing. He has been beaten out of sight in his attempt to destroy the Collins Line. All his machinations have failed, except in procuring a veto, and if he and his chief can stand the recoil of that, I rather guess others can. The next Congress *certainly* will not do CAMPBELL's bidding and give the notice; and when the Congress chosen in 1856 is elected, the PIERCE and CAMPBELL interest don't seem likely to have any very extensive influence over it.

There is something very singular about this veto. The day before it came in the President told a distinguished Senator, as I am informed, that he *would approve* the bill. The idea of a veto of an Appropriation bill under these circumstances was deemed utterly preposterous; and the most intelligent among the active opponents of the measure, in each House, freely pronounced all such intimations to be utter nonsense! But it turns out that common sense, as they estimated it, and FRANKLIN PIERCE are not synonimous terms. In conclusion on this subject, let me ask every intelligent reader of the President's veto, where is its point, where its author's consistency, and where its shadow of apology in view of his signature to the naval bill containing the same appropriations precisely as were contained in the original bill. And what has CORNELIUS VANDERBILT taken by his fillibustering against the Collins line at Washington? I know he has gained nothing to his credit in the estimation of honorable men here, but has inspired feelings quite the reverse in the breasts of many. Of this perhaps you may see a partial evidence in the contemptuously small vote, (5 or 8, I believe,) the Senate gave him on *his* proposition to carry the Liverpool mails, right on the heel of the veto!

I have written somewhat at length upon this subject, because I know it is one of much interest to the reading public, which feels a deep regard for, and a just pride in the success of this splendid American Collins Line. I have a number of other items relating to the closing of Congress, to write up;—but the lateness of the hour, and the excitation consequent upon attendance at the all-night session, compel me to defer them to my next. S.

Appointments for the New Regiments.

WASHINGTON, Monday, March 5.

There is some excitement going on here in regard to the appointments of the subordinate officers for the new regiments. Members of Congress are still importuning and pressing the claims of civilians among their constituency. The War Department is besieged with applications from officers of the regular army for promotions in these regiments. It is reported this evening that the Department has made all the subordinate appointments from the regular army, except some Second Lieutenants which are to come from the classes at West Point. The Democratic members of Congress say that the bill for the new regiments would not have passed Congress if they had thought that General SHIELDS would not have been made a Brigadier General, or that the Department would have ignored civilians as to the subordinate appointments.

United States Supreme Court.

WASHINGTON, Monday, March 5.

Hon. Thomas A. Hendricks, of Indiana and Messrs. Lucius Patterson, of Michigan, and Norman B. Judd, of Illinois, were admitted as Attorneys and Counselors of the United States Supreme Court to-day.

No. 66. John L. Hays, plaintiff in error, vs. The Pacific Mail Steamship Company. The argument was continued by Mr. Davidge Vinton for the defendants.

The Case of Wendell Phillips, Theodore Parker and Others—Movements of Anthony Burns—Salute in Honor of Franklin Pierce.

BOSTON, Monday, March 5.

In the United States Circuit Court to-day, the several cases against WENDELL PHILLIPS, THEODORE PARKER and others for alleged participation in the BURNS rendition excitement in May last, were taken up and assigned for Tuesday, the 3d day of April next.

ANTHONY BURNS is now at the house of Rev. Mr. STOCKWELL, in Amherst. On Wednesday evening next he will be present at a reception meeting in Tremont Temple, and on Friday evening he will attend a public meeting in New-York.

A salute of one hundred guns was fired on the Common at noon to-day in honor of the inauguration of FRANKLIN PIERCE as President two years ago.

Weather at Buffalo—Gift Distribution—The Buffalo and Brantford Railroad.

BUFFALO, Monday, March 5.

The weather here has been very warm to-day. The snow is melting away fast. This evening we had a slight fall of rain.

Nearly six thousand shares of a gift distribution were sold at the Metropolitan Theatre to-night. The articles up for distribution are a costly piano and guitar, gold watches, pianos, &c. Much excitement was manifested on the occasion.

It is reported that the Buffalo and Brantford Road is open, and that the trains commenced running to-day.

Veto of the Free Bank Bill of Indiana by Gov. Wright—Exchange, &c.

CINCINNATI, Monday, March 5.

Gov. WRIGHT, of Indiana, has vetoed the Free Bank bill, and it is said he will also veto the State Bank bill, if it is passed; but the friends of both bills in the Legislature say they will unite and pass them, notwithstanding the veto.

Eastern Exchange is plenty and dull, at ½@¾ per cent. premium.

The weather at present is wet, and the river is open.

Political Meetings in Syracuse, N. Y.

SYRACUSE, Monday, March 5.

Two crowded and enthusiastic meetings were held here to-night, preparatory to the elections which takes place to-morrow. One, of the Unionists, at the City Hall, was addressed by Gen. J. W. NYE, THOS. G. ALVORD, S. D. DILLAYE and others.

Another meeting, of Americans, at the Concert Hall, was addressed by Hon. Mr. GORMAN and others amid great excitement.

Marine Intelligence.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, March 5.

The brig *John Welsh*, from Trinidad, arrived here to-day. Left in port at Trinidad the 2d inst., from Portland, which reported having picked up the captain and the crew of the brig *Hamilton*, from St. John, N. B., for Havana. The *John Welsh* reports passing near Hatteras, on the 23d ult., large quantities of wrecked materials, such as coal deck plank, chests of tea, &c.

Arrest for Kidnapping a Female Slave.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, March 5.

Yesterday morning, a female slave belonging to a planter in Louisiana, was taken from a vessel at Newcastle, Delaware, by the police of this city, and the kidnapper, named R. WARWICK was arrested, and has been committed.

The U. S. Brig Bainbridge in Distress.

NORFOLK, Monday, March 5.

The U. S. brig *Bainbridge* put in here in distress to-day. On the 21st of February during a gale of wind she became much disabled, and was obliged to throw her guns overboard.

Know-Nothing Triumph in New-Bedford.

NEW-BEDFORD, (Mass.) Monday, March 5.

GEORGE HOWLAND, Know-Nothing, was chosen Mayor of this city to-day. The vote was as follows: HOWLAND, 1,634; RODNEY, Free-Soil, 717.

Appointment of Adjutant General of the State.

ALBANY, Monday, March 5.

Hon. R. H. PRUYN, of Albany, has been appointed Adjutant General of the State in place of DEPEYSTER, resigned.

Fire at Altoona, Penn.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, March 5.

The Mansion Hall at Altoona, Penn., was destroyed by fire this morning. Loss $3,750.

The Southern Mail.

BALTIMORE, Monday, March 5.

The Southern mail, as late as due, has been received here, with New-Orleans papers of Tuesday.

Ten Persons Killed or Wounded by the Bursting of the McDaniels.

From the N. O. Picayune, Feb. 27.

We have this morning to record one of those sad accidents, now happily of rare occurrence on our rivers, from steam boiler explosions.

The tow-boat *Thomas McDaniels*, Captain McLEAN, coming up from the Southwest Passage yesterday morning, with the ships *Erie* and *Hercules*, and Norwegian brig *Amerika* in tow, exploded all her boilers about 9½ o'clock, A. M., when in the English Turn. The forward part of the boat was torn completely to pieces, and many persons were killed or severely injured.

The deaths and personal injuries sustained, so far as we have been able yet to learn, are as follows:

Killed—James Spencer, second engineer; Wm. Taylor, stother; Henry Wilson, steward; Henry Jarvis, (black,) fireman; cabin boy, name unknown.

Missing—Andrew Peterson, stoveman; Aleck Turner, (black.

Scalded—James Taylor, fireman.

Slightly Wounded—Daniel Taylor, pilot.

One man was wounded on board the brig *Amerika*, but not seriously. The brig was somewhat damaged, about ten feet of her bulwarks having been stove in by the falling of the towboat's chimney. The ships, as far we could learn, were uninjured.

The towboat *J. P. Whitney* was close by on her way up, and immediately dropped her tow and went to the assistance of the *McDaniels*. She brought the wrecked boat and the dead and wounded up to the city, and the former is now lying below the Lower Ocean Press, in the Third District.

The tow-boat is a mass of ruins, everything forward being torn to pieces. The cause of the sad accident is not known, and it is doubtful whether it ever will be. The chief engineer, who had but a few minutes before left the engine, states that he tried the boilers and there was plenty of water in them. The second engineer, who relieved him, was instantly killed.

One of the steersmen was blown from the wheel clear off into the water, and was picked up uninjured by a boat from one of the ships.

When we left the boat, at dark last evening, the Coroner had not yet commenced his investigations, and the bodies of the five killed were lying in two of the cabin rooms. One of them whose we saw was terribly mangled and scalded. The relatives and friends of the deceased crowded around the boat, and scenes of their lamentations were truly cast-rending.

FROM HAVANA.

The State of Affairs—Steamers Afloat—Prices Current—The Hernandez Case.

The United States Mail steamer *Black Warrior*, J. D. Bullock, Esq., Commander, arrived early on Monday morning. The *Black Warrior* left Havana on the evening of the 27th. The blockade of the different ports still continued, although no delay is caused to the steamers, they being allowed to land and receive passengers, &c. the same as usual. There were no new arrests, although great preparations were still being made. The English frigate *Vestal* was in port; all well on board. The *Black Warrior* experienced a very heavy gale of wind, accompanied with heavy head seas, which lasted sixty hours.

Correspondence of the New-York Daily Times.

HAVANA, Tuesday, Feb. 27, 1855.

The British naval forces in this port, and through the West India islands, give the best evidence that they have been instructed to take active part in any demonstration of Cuban authority that may be esteemed necessary for Cuban safety. The brig-of-war *Arab* has also been devoted to the service as a Spanish transport for troops, and took hence on the 20th a detachment of one company or more. We do not yet perceive any call for this evident anxiety by any local emotion among the people, but so many arrests have been made of our best people, it is necessary for justification—failing in the evidence of the Concha conspiracy—it is necessary to preserve the appearance that there is something wrong somewhere. There must be found also, reason for the vast outlay—or promise to pay—of the public funds which are finding long columns in the books of audition. Spanish war-steamers are moving out and into port continually, sometimes with troops, which are put in position where perhaps filibusterism will never find them. The volunteers, black and white, of Havana and vicinity, amount to about ten thousand men, taken generally from those occupied with our most essential industry, which for a few days may be of little consequence, but in a month or two the effects will become uncomfortably perceptible with many of our large establishments, where payments are being made for the labor service which is devoted to the State to the prejudice of the factories and of commercial transactions.

I send you a report showing transactions of the last fortnight, and, as ever, truly yours.

The Cuban Boy Francis Elias Hernandez.

To the Editor of the New-York Daily Times:

I am desired to send to your paper translations of documents received from Doctor Francisco Hernandez, and which I now beg to do. The originals are in my possession, and can be seen and examined. I have also a letter for the son from his mother, desiring his return, which he can have at my hands. Charles Edwards.

NEW-YORK, March 5, 1855.

TO THE CHIEF ALCALDE.

Don Francisco Hernandez, a native of this Island, established at Baracoa and at present residing in this Capital, appears before your Honor; and in due form of law says, that in the month of October last Mr. John H. Felix presented himself at Baracoa with a paper and a verbal recommendation from my brother Don Elias Hernandez that I should protect and assist said person to recommended, in the project he had of introducing arms and of promoting an insurrection in that district against the Spanish dominion; of which plan and voyage my aforesaid brother had given me no advice directly or indirectly, as all appears in the proceedings which are now presenting before the permanent military commission, against the above-mentioned Felix, Estrampes, and others. The necessity in which I was placed by that step of my brother, of giving reasonable information thereof to the constituted authorities, added to the measures which they would inevitably adopt towards me in this Capital; and although have all manner of suspicion or doubt as regards myself were speedily removed and I remained as perfect liberty, still the inevitable compromises in a political sense as the one in question, induced me, from the distance of persons, safety, to remain in the Castle of the Cabana, where I endeavor resulting as an asylum from revengeful feelings, or to avoid a compromise. But as it cannot be expected that these may be appeased in a short time, nor that my continuance in the Castle can be indefinitely prolonged being to my own private affairs and the care of my family, I adopted the resolution of removing with them to Spain, taking for that purpose the necessary measures for bringing to my side my son Francisco Elias, who was being educated at New-York. To carry this out, I was under the necessity of studiously avoiding to reaching the ears of my brother Elias, who in the excited state of his ideas and sentiments I was certain would avail himself of the influence which the inclinations of the country in general, and the sympathies of the people where he resides in particular, held out to him for opposing the return of my child, and thereby prevent his receiving that political and social education which he, my brother, did not approve. The first steps that I took towards regaining my son having failed, I finally determined upon sending a messenger of my entire confidence and known to him, with precise and express instructions to conceal from my brother Elias my intentions regarding my son, and to carry them out with promptness and secrecy. That messenger was Don Cristobal Carnedell, to whom I gave letters of my own, of my wife, my portrait, and all that I deemed conducive to my child's decision, having also obtained from His Excellency the Governor and Captain-General Don Jose Gutierrez de la Concha, that he be pleased to recommend the affair to the Consul of Her Catholic Majesty at New-York.

When all was accomplished and my son on board of the steamer, at the moment of sailing my brother Elias presented himself on board, took my son on shore, and acquainted the affair to the public as he chose, and accusing my messenger and the Consul of Her Majesty as *kidnappers*, and got himself named guardian to my son. The Court may easily imagine what are my feelings in such a situation. My duties as husband and father of other children do not permit me to risk in New-York dangers that even in this capital I consider it necessary to avoid. I cannot permit that on my account others should suffer for having strictly complied with my instructions. I should also be unworthy of the name of Father were I to abandon to chance that which I consider as essential to the happiness of all my family, and upon I to abdicate the moral direction of my son Francisco Elias. In none of these duties will I fail to comply on my part. But the spirit that has guided the conduct of my brother Elias, has strewn my path with obstacles that I cannot overcome without the assistance of the Court; for it is pretended that I am not at liberty to visit in this city, that I have not provided for the education of my son Francisco Elias, that I have in fine violated my paternal prerogatives. I protest in the most legal and solemn form against such gratuitous and false suppositions. I confess, therefore, before your Honor, that I enjoy the most complete liberty to dispose of my person, of my property and of my family. I declare that until the month of September last I supplied my dear relationship with whatever was necessary for his expenses, and that, in the current occasion that I have with my brother Elias, I consider myself his creditor for a large amount over that which he has paid for the said school bills. I hold my brother Elias responsible for the damages which prevented my continuing paying the educational pensions, as also from presenting my own interests, in consequence of his having mixed me up in his revolutionary projects without previously consulting me; and I reserve to myself the right that appertains to me, where and when I may choose to enforce it. I protest that neither now, nor heretofore, in fact as in law, directly nor indirectly, have I conducted to any one the fulfilment of the duties of father for the education of my son, Francisco Elias; but that under the grave responsibilities on that point I have complied before the proper authority, as I and Francisco to may, assisted by any one, excepting the Judge, Jurisdiction, guaranteed by law. I protest against the violation of my child to the United States in violation of law; that his return home is indispensable for his welfare, and to that of his brother and sisters; and that all statements adduced in opposition to my expressed, therefore, are false, reprehensible calumnies to my own injury, and consequently may justly be charged against the author. Finally, I solemnly and authoritatively call upon the Court of Spain, Don Francisco Serrano, Captain-General of Cuba, Don Francisco Calderon, Minister Plenipotentiary

NEW-YORK CITY.

COLUMBIA COLLEGE.

Report of Annual Commencement.

At the appointed hour (10½) yesterday morning the Exhibition Hall of Columbia College was filled to its utmost capacity with a highly intelligent and enjoyment anticipating throbbing the opening of the Annual Commencement. The Venetian shield in the centre of the Hall, together with the galleries, were filled with ladies. The students in their College costume made the scene somewhat grave and imposing, (for those black gowns are no doubt solemn habiliments,) though it was well enlivened by lively strains from Dodworth's Brass Band.

The exercises of the occasion were opened by prayer by Rev. Dr. HAIGHT. Rev. Dr. KING, President of the College presided, who announced that according to the programme and usages of the College the essayist of distinction would be preceded with commencing with the Freshmen's class, which was represented by Messrs. FRANK M. LYONS, Jr., and JAMES K. MANLY. The former selected as his subject for exercise, "Forthknowledge and Thought," which was delivered in a very logical manner, lacking, however, appropriate gesture, and due regard to proper emphasis and pause—which constitute the chief attributes of the orator. The latter gentleman is a very impressive speaker—he seemed to feel his subject, and make his hearers feel it too; his selection was "Virginia and Massachusetts." The composition was excellent, embracing some of the most prominent points of rhetorical excellence, and evidenced no small proficiency in *Belles Lettres*, on the part of the writer. The contest between the North and the South was reviewed, taking the Bay State, and the Old Dominion, as the arenas upon which the tactic was to be fought. Allusion was made to the certain decline and downfall that followed dissension in the history of nations of ancient and modern times, and concluded by an appeal to the feelings of those, who would be unwilling to hear the expiring cry of liberty, to act harmoniously and in concert for the good of our common country.

The Sophomores were well represented by Messrs. WM. H. MARTIN and HENRY G. RIKER. The one delivered a very beautiful essay on "The Influence of Education," The other an impassioned address on the "Characteres Burn and Remembrance," which was much applauded. The calm, quiet, retirement of the exile in the bosom of the far West, without any sanctions, hopes or joys to gratify, with all that a highly cultivated mind could desire to render that position happy,—intended upon by Burns—were well and graphically described.

Mr. CHAS. N. CLARK ably sustained the character of the Junior Class. "Unnamed heroes" formed the theme of Mr. CLARK's declamatory effort. The speaker did full justice to his subject,—and would have captivated his audience were it not his delivery was somewhat too monotonous. The piece was an original, and possessed much excellence.

Messrs. CHARLES DE COSTA and OSCAR SHAPERO, of the Senior, pleased the audience much by their efforts. The former delivered a very fine piece on "Public Opinion as a Standard of Right"—the latter on the "Advantages of Polite Learning."

A new feature was presented at the exhibition of yesterday. A "Philolexian Orator," for the first time, was added to the number usually prescribed by the rules of the College, to take part in the exercises. Mr. JOHN F. WALTON was the gentleman selected for the occasion, and his subject, "Burgess" (I will aries.) The President, in announcing the orator, said that the honor was conferred on the Philolexian Society, as being one of those literary bodies connected with the College, of raising an orator for the occasion from among its members. The orator entered into a comprehensive view of the subject, which was the motto inscribed on the banner of the Society, glanced at its origin and object, enumerated some of the eminent men who were members of it. He concluded by saying that the word "Surgam" shall be the watchword of many a young, honest and yearning heart.

The speaker was loudly cheered at the conclusion of his address.

The President announced that the distribution of the testimonials awarded at the late examinations would then ensue. Messrs. SHEDBERG, CLARK, MAURY and BAXTER, were called and introduced in an appropriate and complimentary manner to the audience as the Seniors of the four classes, telling them, in words addressed to CYRUS, "Best of all in all things," was the tenure by which they should hold their honors.

The successful competitors for prizes and distinction, of the various classes, received the premiums awarded them, and were appropriately, and with high encomiums, introduced to the audience.

The President concluded the distribution by exhorting all the classes singly and collectively, to go on as they had begun, and their recompense would be honorable and enduring.

The exercises were concluded by benediction, pronounced by Rev. Dr. HAIGHT.

THE AFRICAN SLAVE-TRADE.

The Case of Bartholomew Blanco.

The case of BARTHOLOMEW BLANCO, charged with fitting out, in December, 1854, the bark *Midlothian* to engage in the Slave-trade on the Coast of Africa, was yesterday summed up before United States Commissioner MORTON. Mr. JOHN ANTHON, on behalf of the accused, reviewed at length the evidence. He contended, first, that the complaint was defective, in that no overt act as against the accused was specially cited therein. As to the specifications set forth in respect to the fitting out and the cargo of the Midlothian, he contended that even had they been proven, they did not hold against his client, as at the time referred to he had no connection whatever with the vessel in question. The bill of sale to STEPHEN E. GLOVER, bearing date previous to the sailing of the ship, he alleged showed clearly a transfer of interest and responsibility from Mr. BLANCO. He not granting such transfer, the evidence in the case he instanced proved nothing against the vessel up to the time of her arrival at the mouth of the Congo River. Her fitting out was legitimate—her cargo unexceptionable. Upon this, after an examination of her papers had taken place, she had arrived there, saw no ground for legal capture with the British cruisers as to what took place subsequent, and the carrying out of the contract entered into by those having charge of the Midlothian—they being all foreigners and subjects of other governments, the Consul contended did not come within the jurisdiction of the United States Court. But although a compact was shown, no evidence of any consideration appeared. Had not punishable. Relative to the evidence given on Mr. BLANCO by various parties for payment of certain moneys for their services on the Coast of Africa, as connected with the Slave trade, he considered there was nothing in it very strange in it. The party drawing declared that the moneys would be repaid by a house in Cuba, and such party knew that Mr. BLANCO was worthy of the standing and credit of such a house. The case never proved piracy. But he was willing to admit, for the entire sake of substantiating the testimony of Mr. BLANCO, on the statement given to him by Mr. GLOVER, that he owned the *Midlothian*—that he was not her owner, as reported, and was the responsible party in the transaction.

Mr. McKEON, United States District Attorney, replied to the argument of the learned counsel, as counsel, but not as commissioner, and contended that, even had they been proven, they did not hold against his client, as at the time referred to he had no connection whatever with the vessel in question. The bill of sale to STEPHEN E. GLOVER, bearing date previous to the sailing of the ship, he alleged showed clearly a transfer of interest and responsibility from Mr. BLANCO. He not granting such transfer, the evidence in the case he instanced proved nothing against the vessel up to the time of her arrival at the mouth of the Congo River. Her fitting out was legitimate—her cargo unexceptionable. Upon this, after an examination of her papers had taken place, she had arrived there, saw no ground for legal capture with the British cruisers as to what took place subsequent, and the carrying out of the contract entered into by those having charge of the Midlothian—they being all foreigners and subjects of other governments, the Consul contended did not come within the jurisdiction of the United States Court. But although a compact was shown, no evidence of any consideration appeared. Had not punishable. Relative to the evidence given on Mr. BLANCO by various parties for payment of certain moneys for their services on the Coast of Africa, as connected with the Slave trade, he considered there was nothing in it very strange in it. The party drawing declared that the moneys would be repaid by a house in Cuba, and such party knew that Mr. BLANCO was worthy of the standing and credit of such

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NEW-YORK, TUESDAY, MARCH 6, 1855.

One Hundred and Twenty Millions for Cuba!

The OSTEND SECRET CONFERENCE of American Minister Plenipotentiary in Europe is out. We give this morning, on our first page, in a special telegraphic dispatch from Washington, not the key to the result of this extraordinary meeting under restrictions, but the result itself. This is in the form of a joint dispatch from Mr. BUCHANAN, our British Envoy; Mr. MASON, Minister to France; and Mr. SOULE, late Minister to Spain, to the Secretary of State, dated from Aix la Chapelle, 18th October last. It has exclusive reference to *the acquisition of the Island of Cuba*. The question is considered in all its bearings—the price suggested—the splendor of the acquisition to the United States thereof—the uses to be made of the money by Spain enlarged upon—the early necessity for disposing of the Island, and the importance of averting agitation referred to; and, finally, the forcible means by which the glittering prize is to become ours, if a sale be refused by Spain, boldly avowed. The document is comprehensive in argument, and sufficiently so, for all practical purposes, in detail. It recommends no half-way measures. Purchase, purchase, on honorable terms, at a round and munificent sum, is the primary suggestion. Resistance to the interference of all other Powers, and a determined assertion of our right to the Island, from geographical position and contiguity, at any cost, whenever it is found necessary to the internal peace and existence of our cherished Union, are next recommended. The Africanization of the Island, placing it in position with St. Domingo, not to be tolerated. And then our difficulties with Spain on the *Black Warrior* affair; the filibustering spirit of our people, and the discontent of the Cubans themselves with a Vice-Regal Government, at once odious and oppressive, are pointed at as sure precursors of the annexation of a territory promising so brilliant and important results to the Union as the Florida Treaty.

But what of the price? The document was a confidential one. It and other papers of the Ostend Conference were called for by Congress, if not inconsistent with the interests and pending negotiations of the Government. The Administration communicated these papers under certain restrictions, or with certain blanks in the context. The first and most important hiatus is the price to be paid by Cuba. The maximum price which Spain ought to accept, and which it is her interest, on every consideration of the internal improvements which the means thus put at her disposal would afford; of the settlement of her Public Debt, and of the comparatively small annual income, if any, now derived from the Vice-Regal Administration of her distant Colony, to accept. But in the context of the argument, and in the text from which our special dispatch this morning is derived, there is afforded a key to this price. Perhaps where the words "forty millions" occur, in stating of one-third the money which might be devoted to the payment of the Public Debt of Spain, there should have been a second blank. We are not at liberty to know how this *should* be. The reserve of *forty* to the Public Debt, after applying two-thirds of the whole sum to the railways and other improvements of Spain, points, according to our arithmetic, to *One hundred and Twenty Millions of Dollars* as the proposed cost to the United States, by quiet purchase, of the Island of Cuba! The cost, by the alternative of force, is not to be reckoned. "Self-preservation" and "self-respect," we are given to understand, should forbid such a calculation.

Preceding this important official letter, our Washington dispatch affords a brief synopsis of the correspondence between the State Department and Mr. SOULE, running back to July, 1854. Mr. SOULE writes in much the same vein that is adopted in the triple note from Aix la Chapelle, and all about Cuba. The Secretary, on the other hand, is more wary of consequences and cautious of commital; the older diplomatist of the two, and hewing to set without a careful survey of the whole ground. It was this sort of statesmanlike prudence, no doubt, sustained through an entire year's "octavo" correspondence, that finally wrought up the fiery temper of our Minister-American at the Court of Madrid to the pitch of resignation.

Bound to Start Him.

Mr. SOULE must have a good deal to tell if once his lips could be unsealed. A very large experience he must have gained on his post. As there no way to open his mouth? Such Diplomatists have no benefit of his wisdom? Do they not manifest to throw his lightnings upon this land of the President—do they not seek to heap his thunders upon Secretary MARCY? We hear that S. de GOICOURIA, of the Junta of this City, goes on to-day to Washington, instructed to thank him and to invite him to accept a public demonstration here. If the Minister declines the demonstration, still he must say something when the thanks are tendered, and we doubt not the secrets he hides in his breast will be forthcoming at an early date.

Foreign Paupers.

Mayor WOOD's letter on the subject of Foreign Pauperism should be the incentive on the part of the public press to a constant agitation of this vitally important subject. This able letter (by the way) clearly shows the masterly aptitude on the part of His Honor to grapple with large difficulties as well as trivial, and we regret that his compeer is not at this moment at the head of the affairs of our country. Mayor WOOD very naturally and feelingly regrets the action of the Courts on this subject. But we apprehend that upon reflection he cannot censure their decisions, which simply proclaim that legislation is at fault here. Indeed, the difficulty lies far behind, and finds its origin in the fact which has so often been deplored and so often discussed as one of the difficult problems of humanity—the terrible and utter thriftlessness of two-thirds of the human race. It is a conceded fact that one-third of humanity support the remainder. Thus where indolence rules by a two-thirds majority, how can it be otherwise than that degradation and imbecility and all the accompaniments of misery keep the world in bondage; that oppression causes sweet liberty to hide her face and sympathy deplores the wretchedness which seems to be incurable? The only solution to the problem seems to us to be in the fundamental principle that Government should have clearly conceded to it the right to employ forcibly the labor of the healthy dependent poor. The sturdy beggar should be *compelled* to work, and his earnings held in trust to support his helpless family, as well as his unfortunate brother, whose poverty is unavoidable. We are informed that almost daily sturdy vagrants, as well as those unfortunate daughters of misery whose frailty works pestilence throughout the moral atmosphere of our cities, transport themselves to our public hospitals to obtain good medical treatment, and, when thoroughly cured, are ready to resume their occupation scattering misery broadcast through society. Should not such be compelled to repay the debt they have incurred? They are now well and able, and their labor is emphatically capital which is justly due to the State. Is it right that they should be quietly dismissed, with the certainty of returning after a few months to abstract more from the public purse?

It would be a happy point gained if, in civil economy at least, the principle should be well settled that no distinction should be made between labor and capital, and Government should in justice be always in a condition to afford work to the honest and industrious poor man; and equally just and right is it that labor as well as capital should be taxed. Government has houses to build, streets to be opened, and daily work to be performed. Why should capitalists be hired when the laboring poor are at hand? and why should not Government be its own contractor? Simple system and method, with needful rules and regulations, would be no more complex and embarrassing than the present cumbrous plan of City regulations. An additional and distinct arm of police, whose duty should be the superintendence and proper direction of gangs of laborers, would, in our opinion, under a proper administration, support itself. We by no means wish to be understood that wretchedness, by any Utopian scheme, can summarily be banished from this world of ours. The great founder of Christianity has himself assured us "The Poor ye have with you always." In His own good time will His kingdom come, and alone by the prevalence of His holy religion. But an enlightened people will be sure to forward the good cause by striking at the root of Indolence, which lies at the bottom of all misery. And we do not see why Government should not of right suppress this as well as drunkenness, which we verily believe to be the immediate offspring of Idleness.

Unpunished Villainy.

The punishment of crime is exceedingly uncertain in this, our generation. Betwixt the detected villain and the penalty he earns, there yawns a great gulf, which we are not often permitted to see bridged. Some time in October last, one HALEY was arrested for stabbing a Police Captain, with intent to kill. He got bail and went his way. The Grand Jury afterward indicted him, but so far as we can learn that was the last of it.

Meanwhile, the accused man is not idle. He prosecutes his old business, and falling into a quarrel, bites off a young man's nose. Again justice gets excited, he is hauled up and threatened, and we believe the Grand Jury indicted him, and—it is hushed up. In such cases sometimes the complainant is made to see how much pleasanter several thousand dollars hush-money and a quiet time are, than running the gauntlet of the Courts, no money and an enemy for life, spending a little season in the State Prison plotting revenge; and his virtue falls him at the vision. At other times the complainant feels no abatement of his indignation, but he does not see his way clear. He does the best he can to bring the villain up to the appointed penalty, but he is beset with many troubles. Unaccountable delays hinder his progress. From one Court to another is an interminable journey, and when in one to set out again seems almost impossible. He comes to look upon himself at last as the victim, and on his death-bed entreats his children to forgive their enemies and avoid the the law, except always as in the character of defendant.

This is all wrong. This system offers a premium to villainy and discourages in favor of crime. We see the effects in this case we have named, and equally marked in another very prominent one, which, though more than a week old, is not forgotten. The same villains who stand indicted for shooting Tom HYER, are principals in the late shooting murderous attack upon BILL POOLE. Indict them and let the case stand, and we shall see its counterpart again presented a few weeks hence. They give bail—but what of that? If it is forfeited, the bondsmen generally get off without loss, and law is a mockery. But if Teddy O'Brien, who carries the hod, and is sober six days of the week, and only on Sunday gets into a row—if Teddy gives his old friend a nose-bleed, Teddy is convicted of assault with intent to kill, and goes to Sing Sing with exemplary punctuality. Or if upon Biddy's person is found the nice hem-stitched handkerchief that mistress lost, Biddy goes "up to the Island" in a trice, and Justice pats his fat paunch with evident satisfaction. Light is wanted to reveal some of the pitfalls that lay by the wayside which Justice follows.

The Collins' Appropriation.

After the Veto of the President, on Saturday, of the separate Bill for the Ocean Mail service, Mr. SEWARD, in the Senate, moved the following by way of amendment to the regular Navy Appropriation Bill, which amendment was unanimously agreed to in that body, and subsequently confirmed by the House of Representatives:

"And that the proviso contained in the first section of the Act entitled 'An act to supply deficiencies in the appropriations for the service of the fiscal year ending the thirtieth of June, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-two, approved the twenty-first day of July, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-two, be and the same is hereby repealed: *Provided*, That EDWARD K. COLLINS and his associates shall proceed, with all due diligence, to build another steamship, in accordance with the terms of their contract, and have the same ready for the mail service in two years from and after the passage of this Act. And if the said steamship is not ready within the time above mentioned, by reason of any neglect or want of diligence on their part, then the said EDWARD K. COLLINS and his associates shall carry the United States mails between New-York and Liverpool from the expiration of the said two years every fortnight, free of any charge to the Government, until the new steamship shall have commenced the said mail service."

A bill was introduced in the State Senate yesterday providing for the appointment of a Board of Railroad Commissioners, to have general supervision of all the railroads in the State,—their financial affairs, as well as their general management. This recommendation is in conformity with the suggestion of the State Engineer and Surveyor, in his recent report on Railroads, and is eminently worthy the favor of the Legislature and of the public at large. Our Railroad management is exceedingly loose and needs reform. Roads are put in operation before they are in a good working condition;—proper precautions against accident are not always taken: and the interests of stockholders, as recent experience shows, are very frequently left to the unchecked private avarice of officers and directors. A synopsis of the bill will be found in the letter of our Albany Correspondent.

Operatic Developements.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC.—On Saturday last, Signorina VESTVALI was announced to sing at a grand concert given here. She did not do so. MARETZEK, in an explanatory speech, stated that he could not assign a reason for her defection. This is important as the first speck of war; an artistic straw that indicated the direction of the whirlwind. In a City paper yesterday, Signorina VESTVALI published the following card:

SATURDAY NIGHT.

DEAR SIR: Will you oblige an *artiste* in a strange land by inserting the following lines—in order that I may be justified in the eyes of the public, which I only recognize as those to whom I feel bound to give an explanation, concerning my non-appearance on Saturday evening in the Sacred Concert, in the Academy.—My engagement at the Academy has been from the very first unpleasant, by the obstacles thrown in my path by Mr. MARETZEK, who previous to my engagement did everything to prevent it, and now when I am connected to the Academy he and his friends do everything that can be unpleasant to an artiste. Mr. MARETZEK is the musical director at the Academy, consequently, all musical matters belong to him. He asked me to sing a song at the Sacred Concert, which I declined to him, or the public, as I felt it would be better that it should have been reserved for the orchestra. I was not able to get that piece instrumentated, and was waiting the whole of Saturday for instructions from the manager, but received none. As Mr. MARETZEK did not for some cause unknown to me, prepare the said piece, or give me any information regarding it, I leave it to the public to judge, if it was in my power to sing or not.

Mr. MARETZEK had probably prepared the speech which he delivered to the audience on Saturday evening already on Thursday, as he knew then perfectly well I could not sing without music!

I am happy to be in a country where women enjoy the same rights with men in regard to confidence, and I have the courage to unmask my enemy, and to defend myself when I am most basely and cowardly attacked.

If Mr. OLE BULL, the manager, had not been indisposed, I trust that this unpleasant circumstance would have been avoided. Your obedient servant,

FELICITA VESTVALI.

A difficulty of some kind then appears to have been sufficient cause with the lady to break her engagement with the public. From inquiries, we learn that the piece referred to was not in the repertoire of the Academy, and that, therefore, as it was selected, it should have been provided by Signorina VESTVALI for performance. She was informed that she would have to get it instrumentated herself; two gentlemen were pointed out as capable for the purpose; but she delayed until the last moment, and then declined the expense. Even then it was not impossible for Signorina VESTVALI to have sung, had she been so disposed; there was a piano and plenty of people to play the accompaniment. This little event would be unimportant, but for other events that followed it. It is necessary to the chain of difficulties. On Monday OLE BULL, the leader, published the following notice:

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC.—In consequence of inexpressible difficulties the Academy of Music is closed.

MARCH 5, 1855. OLE BULL.

In addition to this a notice was affixed to the doors of the Academy, summarily discharging all the artistes. Instructions were forwarded to Mr. TUNISON, the Custodian of the Academy, to place the building in a state of siege. The document wherein this is expressed is certainly a contribution to military literature. Its value is increased from the fact of its being an autograph letter. We subjoin a copy:

MR. TUNISON: *The Academy of Music is for the present closed. You are hereby ordered not to open any PART of the Academy hereafter, and not to admit any person whatsoever under any pretext, until you receive an order written and signed by me.*

You will also see that all the doors leading to the hall room from other parts of the house are secured, fastened so that no one can pass.

YOU MUST STRICTLY FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS.

NEW-YORK, March 4, 1855. OLE BULL.

The consternation that prevailed in the camp of the enemy when they found there was "no use knocking at the door!" may be imagined. Mr. TUNISON declined to listen to the voice of the charmer without authority, and it became at once necessary to charge Mr. PARKER for authority. Shortly every one connected with the establishment was busy for three days in the building, labouring on them, and without doubt they would suffer considerably from exclusion. Matters to play, Mr. PARKER flew away a time, and gave the following answer:

[FOR THE NEW-YORK DAILY TIMES.]

THINK my to Mr. PARKE, that Mr. HAMPTON wishes to have the door of the apartment opened on Fourteenth street, to permit the people to meet peaceably, and he will be responsible for the rights of the house. Yours, &c., JAMES PHALEN, President.

Mr. TUNISON.

The people—with a good mixture of the "chosen"—consequently assembled. Upon the conductor down to the humble chorister—BENEDETTI, BARILI, ARLENSI, MARETZEK, BELLOCCHI, PETTI STRAKOSCH, &c., &c., in all between two and three hundred persons, were there. The object of the meeting was explicitly stated;—to take into consideration Mr. BULL's notice on the doors, discharging the company, and his statement that "insuperable difficulties" prevented the continuance of the season. The following officers were appointed:

President—Mr. TUNISON.
Vice Presidents—Allegri, Tedesci, Vizi.
Secretaries—H. C. Watson, D. W. Taylor.

The meeting appeared to be animated by the best feeling and was unanimous. This is an important fact, inasmuch as every member, (we believe,) of the company excepting VESTVALI, was present. After a great and successful display of polyglot oratory, the meeting subsided into English and adopted the following plain statements and resolutions:

Whereas, Mr. OLE BULL has presented himself to all employed persons, as well as to the public, as sole and responsible manager of the Academy of Music.

Whereas, Mr. OLE BULL has engaged, or caused to be engaged all persons for the season, intending to continue it for four months.

Whereas, Mr. OLE BULL even in the first week of his enterprise failed to pay regularly; and in the second week on the appointed day has not paid artists, chorus, orchestra, ballet, carpenters, tailors, property men, gas men, in fact nobody; not even the cleaners of the house, or the hand on the stage.

Whereas, Mr. OLE BULL, or his Attorney, has taken the receipts of all the performances, the amount of which would pay at least two-thirds of what was immediately due.

(The Treasurer was here called on for a statement and said that the proceeds of the

First week, was	$2,100 00
That the estimated receipts of last evening would amount probably to	1,200 00
So that if the season had continued there would have been in hand	$3,300 00
Or about 5-8ths of all liabilities.)	

Whereas, Mr. OLE BULL has abruptly closed the Academy of Music without first speaking to the employés; without asking them even whether they would be satisfied with a portion of their salary, and without ascertaining whether they would at all interrupt the course of the performances.

Whereas, OLE BULL has posted a notice on the door of the Academy illegally discharging after a fortnight's engagement, all persons engaged for four months.

Whereas, said notice is dated 5th March, and Mr. OLE BULL has allowed the performances to go on, and take the receipts thereof.

Whereas, There extend and still exists the greatest harmony among the troupe, from the leading artistes to the sweeper of the house, with one single exception.

Whereas, Everybody was and is animated by the best feelings towards the continuation of the business, and no difficulty whatever was caused on the Company's part, it has, therefore, been unanimously

RESOLVED.

1. That Mr. OLE BULL has acted against all principles of faith, honor and gentlemanly intercourse.

2. That Mr. OLE BULL in closing the doors, wants to be taken, the receipts, and not paying over the amount of said receipts, has changed us of our well-deserved earnings.

3. That Mr. OLE BULL, in closing the house abruptly, without any necessity for doing so, and charging others with having created insuperable difficulties, has published a base-faced falsehood to the public.

4. That, as the greatest number of operatives are dependent on our weekly salary for the support of our families, and are too poor to seek redress at the law Courts, we deliver OLE BULL to the judgment of the American people.

The President (Mr. TUNISON) offered an additional resolution, which was carried with enthusiasm:

That the meeting acquit MAX MARETZEK of all blame in this matter, and express their full confidence in him as a man and a manager.

The meeting then adjourned. Our readers will gather from the above a complete history of the Opera *meute*, so far as it is open and apparent. The most exciting portion has yet to come. We have been careful in sifting out the general fairly, so that in the forthcoming fight no than may have an undue advantage. At present Mr. MARETZEK is in the field. To-morrow we shall expect a communication from Mr. OLE BULL. There are two sides to every quarrel, and we shall be greatly disappointed if Mr. OLE BULL cannot make his side as formidable and luminous as the one now offered to the readers' inspection.

Except in the case of Signorina VESTVALI, we have abstained from comment. However aggravating the circumstances in which that lady was placed, she was under a moral responsibility to the public to do what she had been announced to do—even if it involved the necessity of a thin piano accompaniment where there should have been a full orchestral one. Whenever an *artiste* forgets this responsibility, and treats an audience as something beneath a manager, it is our duty to remonstrate. We have always done, and shall always continue to do so.

Dramatic.

CROWDED OUT.—Notices of Miss MAGGIE's appearance at the Broadway, and of a new piece called "Aggravating Sam," at BURTON's.

Another Version of the San Juan Outrage.

SAN JUAN DE NICARAGUA, Thursday, Feb. 22, 1855.

Considerable excitement has existed here for the last few days. On Friday last a large bungo left here for the interior with ammunition for the use of President CHAMORRO, and on Sunday a large boat with a crew consisting of six Americans and one Irish Californian started in pursuit with the intention of intercepting and capturing the bungo. The crew were all strangers here, and a great looking set of loafers they were. Suspicion being excited through the conduct of some men in the house of Col. WHEELER, the United States Minister, a company of natives (CHAMORRO men) were soon organized and went after the filibusters and overtook them, and asked them where they were going. The reply was to the Serapiquo, but the natives would not believe it and ordered them back; and the *brave little band* turned tail with their nineteen muskets without stopping to dine, as they were about to do when overtaken. I found the boat (mine) in the morning near the residence of the United States Minister, and speedily retook possession of her. I had hired her to a third party for a trip to the Serapiquo.

Col. WHEELER and family left this morning for the interior, and I am in hopes all of his party left with him.

Every one here looks with a favorable and anxious eye for the arrival of Col. KINNEY & Co.

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Governor Cuming of Nebraska.

Acting Gov. CUMING, of Nebraska, graduated at about 17 years of age at the University of Michigan, (the first graduating class of that institution,) with distinguished honor. He was equal to any member in most branches, and at the head of his class in the Ancient Languages, delivering at the Commencement the Greek Oration. He is now about 26 years of age, and has literally made his own fortune. He enlisted as a private soldier in the Mexican War, and was promoted to a Second Lieutenancy on his arrival in Mexico. After the peace, he fitted himself in three weeks to take charge of a Telegraph Office, with perfect satisfaction to the Company, and after two years thus spent, took the editorship of the *Detroit Dispatch*. Many of his articles were transferred to other papers, and probably no paper in Iowa was more influential than his. While in this capacity he received his appointment of Secretary of Nebraska. His prominent characteristics are—ardor, independence, energy and freelancing.

The Courts.

The Brooklyn City Court commenced the March term for the trial of civil cases yesterday, when ten causes were called, and the next ten will be called each day until the whole are disposed of.

A Special Term of the Superior Court will commence to-day. The Circuit Court will be held [illegible]

☞ The Mayor of Brooklyn last evening sent a message to the Board of Aldermen transmitting the draft of an Act to amend the City Charter—which was referred to a special meeting of the Board to be held on Thursday evening next.

STATE AFFAIRS.

LEGISLATIVE PROCEEDINGS.

Special Correspondence of the N. Y. Daily Times.

ALBANY, Monday, March 5, 1855.

The Assembly took another turn at the third reading of bills, and succeeded in passing a goodly number.

MORE SHARP PRACTICE—SOMETHING THAT LOOKS CONTRIVED.

In the early part of the session, Mr. STEVENSON introduced a bill providing for the appointment of a Board of Commissioners, and for the better regulation of the Police Department of the City of New-York. It was referred to the Judiciary Committee, in whose possession it remained until last week, when it was reported to the House, and referred to the Committee of the Whole. On Saturday, when every friend of the bill from the City of New-York was out of the House, Mr. O'KEEFE moved that it be recommitted to the Judiciary Committee, stating that "there were no objections." This was not a direct falsehood, but it skated so close to it, that it pinches hard to draw the distinction. There were no objections, but it was because the city representatives who would have made objections, were absent, and the manner in which he made his statement is, indeed the belief, on the part of their political constituents from the country, that it was well understood and arranged. To-day, doubtless prompted by his success of Saturday, Mr. O'KEEFE again displays upon the credulity of the House—moving the discharge of the Judiciary Committee from the further consideration of the Police Bill, and referring it to the New-York Delegation, remarking as before, "that there were no objections," and as before, shaving the truth by the splitting of a hair.

Mr. O'KEEFE, I think you will search the books in vain for a justification of such trickery, and I know that you have demeaned yourself and gained only a temporary success. Buffoonery is sometimes tolerated for the amusement it affords—bombastic eloquence is occasionally endurable—but deception and fraud once practiced and exposed, will lose you the confidence of your associates and the respect of all men.

IMPORTANT TO RAILROADS.

This morning Senator MUNROE presented to the Senate an act to establish a Board of Railroad Commissioners, and to define their duties and powers. The bill is very long, so that I may only give the general heads:

SECTION 1. The Board to consist of the Comptroller, State Engineer and Surveyor, and one person to be chosen by the Railroad corporations of the State, or who may be appointed by the Governor.

SEC. 2. The Board of Directors of the Railroad Corporations, shall, prior to the first day of October, give notice to its stockholders, that on such notice will be held for a State Railroad Commissioner, the holder of each $100 of the Stock or bonds to be entitled to one vote. The votes cast to be canvassed by the Directors of such Corporation. The Treasurer of such Company shall, before the first day of November, furnish to the Secretary of State, a statement of their capital stock—the amount paid thereon—how much on each class of stock issued—the amount of the outstanding bonds, with the rate of interest payable thereon—and a list of the names of those who have voted on the stock or bonds, and the number of votes cast for a Railroad Commissioner.

SEC. 3. On the first Tuesday after the 15th of November, the Board of State Canvassers shall meet and canvass the votes, and declare who has received a majority of votes. A vacancy occurring in the office of Railroad Commissioner, may be filled by the Governor.

SEC. 4. The Railroad Commissioner elected shall take an oath to support the Constitution of the United States and the State of New-York; he shall hold his office for one year, and shall receive a salary of $3,000 per annum, payable on the warrant of the Comptroller from the State Treasury. Each of the members of the Board shall receive the actual expenses incurred, not exceeding $500 per year.

SEC. 5. The Board shall meet at the office of the State Engineer, on the first Tuesday in January, April, July, and October, and at such other times as the President or majority may direct. The Comptroller shall be ex-officio the President of the Board, and the State Engineer Secretary. The Board shall keep a journal of its proceedings.

SEC. 6. The Board may establish a seal, which shall be described, and a copy thereof filed in the office of the Secretary of State.

SEC. 7. The office of the Commissioners shall be in the office of State Engineer.

SEC. 8. If upon examination it shall appear that the opening of a railroad would be attended with danger to the public, by reason of incompleteness of the works, the Commissioners may direct the postponement of such opening, from time to time, for a period not exceeding thirty days at any one time. The said Commissioners shall at no time give their consent for the opening of a road until the following requirements have been complied with:

1. The road shall be fully, completely and substantially fenced.

2. At every public or private road and farm crossing, there shall be suitable cattle guards.

3. On every junction of the road where it is required there shall be put ballasting of good and suitable materials to a depth of at least one foot below the bottom of the cross-ties.

4. The excavations shall be made of sufficient width to permit of side drains, which drains shall be open so as to drain the track.

5. The bridges shall be examined, tested, and proved to be able to support double the weight or stress of a train of five cars, weighing one hundred and fifty tons, moving at the rate of forty miles an hour.

6. There shall be suitable siding, water-stations, station-building, cow-houses, and ruling stock necessary to perform all of the business and freight traffic which may be offered for transport.

SEC. 9. The amount of money necessary to pay the salaries and to defray the expenses of the Board, shall be assessed upon the railroad companies pro rata according to their gross receipts.

SEC. 10. Whenever it shall appear to the Board that any Company has violated any of the provisions of the several acts in relation to Railroads, or of the general Railroad law, it shall be their duty to enforce a compliance with the laws, and to inflict such penalties as have been incurred.

SEC. 11. After 90 days after the passage of this act, no Railroad now any portion thereof, shall be opened until 30 days' notice thereof has been given. The penalty is that the Road shall not receive any compensation for the business performed.

SEC. 12. Every Company upon whose Roads any accident shall have happened, attended with personal injury, shall within 48 hours thereafter give notice of said accident to the Commissioners.

SEC. 13. The Board shall have power to appoint a person to inspect any Road, and the said person shall be authorized to pass over any Railroad upon any car or locomotive.

SEC. 14. The Board may also authorize the investigation of any accident, and to ascertain the facts, and to examine the acts or conduct of any officer. And the person appointed to examine any Road, shall have the power to compel the attendance of witnesses.

SEC. 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22 and 23 provide for the making of by-rules, rules and regulations for the management of Railroads, and impose penalties for their violation.

SEC. 24. The said Board is hereby authorized and it shall be their duty to annually examine into the financial condition of each of the Railroad Corporations of this State, and if at any other time, when complaints of fraud, or the fact of the Directors or Managers of any of such Corporations, property authenticated or laid before the said Board. And for this purpose the Board shall have power to appoint a person to make such investigation. Such person to have full power to examine books and papers and officers.

SEC. 25. Requires the Board to report annually to the Legislature the full condition of all the roads in the State, and to make such suggestions of additional legislation as they may deem advisable to secure in a greater degree the public safety and benefit.

The draft of a bill, in many respects similar to this, was presented to the Legislature in 1852, but it was not passed, though favorably reported on. Something of this kind must be soon adopted; and though this has many imperfections, it will do for a commencement. It was referred to the appropriate Committee. Will not that Committee consider the propriety of investing the Board of Commissioners with power to regulate the issue and transfer of stocks, so that some uniform system may be arrived at? Also, to regulate the speed and police of passenger, and express passenger trains, and the time in which freight shall be delivered at its destination. Also, the manner in which fares shall be collected—the rights of commuters and the proper discrimination to be made between through and way passengers, regular and transient travel. These are all subjects in which the companies and the public have a like interest, and their arrangement should be left to the decision of an impartial tribunal. As it now is, the power is all on the side of the corporation—the public has no voice nor part in the matter. The Railroad interest is becoming a power in the State, already overshadowing, and unless checked, shortly to be irresistible. Wholesome wise and prudent legislation will do well to make timely safeguards through which the people may find proper accommodation and protection from monopolies and the State security.

WATER RETURN.

The Rochester Claims bill was the special order in the Senate at 12 o'clock. It was discussed at length, and finally recommitted to the Committee on Claims, with instructions to report the amount of Assessment paid by each individual named in the bill. The gross amount of damages is limited by the bill to $200,000.

ADDITIONAL JUDICIAL APPOINTMENT.

As I anticipated, the appointment of Alderman Gunther was confirmed in Kings, Brooklyn, M. Priest on Saturday evening. Upon consideration and consultation, Mr. PRIEST has determined to resign the office, and will enter at once upon the discharge of the duties.

TRINITY CHURCH PROPERTY.

Some time last Summer, upon the application of a man named Hussey, the Commissioner of the Land Office prepared a resolution directing our Attorney-General, and for convenience it was to embrace the lots then held by Trinity Church. Upon the assembling of the Legislature, Senator STEVENS had passed a resolution, calling upon the Attorney-General for report upon the subject, which was done accordingly. Upon obtaining the desired information, Mr. STEVENS introduced a resolution, directing the Attorney-General to discontinue the proceedings he had instituted under the authority and instruction of the Commissioner of the Land Office. The resolution produced an exciting debate, to which I made reference at the time, and it was finally laid on the table, where it has since been suffered to remain. I learn, however, that the claim sought to be even disposed by the resolution, is not the same as that claimed by the Commissioner of the Land Office, to whom the resolution was offered and adopted by a unanimous vote, rescinding the resolutions under which the Attorney-General was proceeding, so that the proposed suit is brought by a stranger claim. In is not time that possession of Trinity had an ending? It only serves to keep alive a disputed of her rights, and tempts to controversy and unpleasant litigation. I hope this is the last of it. J. E. S.

The Vacant Judgeship.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Daily Times.

ALBANY, Monday, March 5.

The vacant seat upon the Bench of the Supreme Court has been tendered by Gov. CLARK to SAMUEL BLATCHFORD, Esq., of your City. I know that it is more than probable that he will feel compelled by the pressure of his private business to decline the honor.

Mr. BLATCHFORD is now at Washington, and therefore nothing definite will be known for a few days. J. E. S.

BUSINESS NOTICES.

GREAT BARGAINS IN CARPETINGS.—SMITH & LOUNSBERY, No. 422 Broadway, (near Canal st.,) are now prepared to exhibit one of the most beautiful stocks of Carpets ever offered in this market, at a reduction of 25 per cent. from last season's prices:

Ingrain Velvets	75c. to 1.25 per yard
Rich Tapestry	50c. to 75c. per yard
Rich Brussels	75c. to 87c. per yard
Rich Three-Ply	75c. to 87c. per yard
Best Brussels	87c. to 1.00 per yard

STATE AND NATIONAL LAW SCHOOL, POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y.—Diplomas given entitling to practice. A circular sent by request, directed to

J. W. FOWLER, President.

"FEVER AND AGUE IN THE OUTSKIRTS"—Read the testimony of Hon. E. B. GORHAM, of Ohio, given in favor of DEBELLE'S FEVER AND AGUE PILLS:

CHAS. D. DEBELLE, Esq.—Dear Sir: I will gladly state the facts you request to give and if your medicine did cure me, I can only answer, it did, by a positive affirmative. I was troubled for several months by a periodical fever, ague and fever and cures. Your Pills performed a perfect cure; their use through a single course. They were very easy to take, and I feel, to whom I shall gladly recommend them, I shall recommend them with perfect confidence in all cases of a similar character. Truly yours, E. B. GORHAM.

Mr. McMASTER, of the Firm of McMASTER, HOLMES, STEWART & CO., Wholesale Grocers, Pittsburgh, Pa., one of the most intelligent persons in every one and northern trade, of their corporation, publish their testimony, in the following manner, in the Pittsburgh Gazette: "Mr. DEBELLE, the inventor of DEBELLE'S PILLS, Fever and Ague Pills, the use of DEBELLE'S PILLS, Fever and Ague Pills, the use of DEBELLE'S PILLS, has not of regard to Mr. DEBELLE, nor directly or indirectly solicited by him, but as an act of kindness to the many members of the Firm, whose places of abode extend from to the Gulf of Mexico, and extraordinary receipts of this disease." Mr. R. S. Cox, Cincinnati, Ohio, writes: "Your Pills are all you claim for them. Oct. 1, 1854. Cured." Your Pills are all you claim for them. Mr. Thos. B. CARNAWAY, Cincinnati, Ohio, says: "The box of Pills I got before, I used with great success." Mr. E. B. Hoyt, Albany, N. Y., writes, Jan. 24, 1855: "Your medicine has given satisfaction in every case where it has been used, to my knowledge." Sold by BOYD & PAUL, No. 140 Chatham st.; D. V. CLICKENER & CO., No. 8 Market st.; Brooklyn, C. G. KING, Hunter Sales-st. and Jersey City, R. BURTON, Pavonia House, corner Canal st. and Pavonia ferry; C. G. WELLS & CO., No. 118 Fulton st.; New-York, R. GILBERT, WEBB & CO., and DYOTT & SONS, Philadelphia, Penn. Also, at the Wholesale and Retail Depot, by C. H. DEBELLE, No. 241 Broadway, New-York.

LARGE AND PEREMPTORY SALE OF REAL ESTATE AT AUCTION.—Our readers will please notice that ANTHONY J. BLEECKER will sell at public auction, THIS DAY, as follows, to the highest and best bidder, the following property on the premises, viz.: Lot No. 1 Mercer st., known as Nos. 322 and 324 Broadway, and Nos. 1 and 3 Mercer-st. Also, Lot No. 2, Mercer st., known as Nos. 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15 and 17 Mercer-st., between Fulton and Hamilton-st., and a large portion of Hamilton-st., between the Lots and 125th and 126th-sts. Terms of sale will be stated on the premises, and at the office of the Auctioneer, No. 1 Pine-st., where a plan of the property can be had of the Auctioneer, Jas. T. Bleecker, Esq.

PIANOS AT GREATLY REDUCED PRICES.—SUPERior round 6½-octave Pianos, $125; Pianos, much superior as good as those which cost $250; Pianos of every variety of style and finishing, from $125 to $500; Pianos to rent, J. Gilbert & Co.'s premises, Hallet Pianos, and the Hallet Waters modern improved Pianos, sold, rented, or taken in part payment; price from $60 to $400; Pianos to rent, from $4 to $6 per month; Pianos to tune, $1 per tuning; Pianos, suitable for small rooms, $75 to $125; Pianos, suitable for the best rooms, $150 to $250; Pianos, finished in the best manner, the best make in the Union, Pianos, finished in the most fashionable manner, of superior tone, power, and lasting qualities

A Singular and Interesting Law Case—A Will and Deed Also appertaining to Rowsoo with a Relator.

From the Philadelphia Ledger, March6.

We have received the following interesting note of a law case which is to be tried in Delaware. Cob Rogers, B. Davis, formerly of this city, but latterly residing near Wilmington, Delaware, died in the month of September last, at the advanced age of ninety. For many years past he has been nearly blind and somewhat deaf. He left an estate worth one hundred and twenty thousand dollars; a wife, residing in New-Orleans, and a widow and five children living in the State of Delaware. William H. Rogers, an attorney of the last mentioned State, has produced a paper purporting to be the will of this old gentleman, devising to said Rogers all his money, real and personal, in trust; to pay annuities less than half the yearly income and interest towards the maintenance of the widow and her children, until the youngest child, who is now only six years old, shall attain her full age. The annuitants left to the children, who are all under age, are inadequate to their maintenance and education. The trustee is to invest the surplus from time to time on such means and upon such security as he shall deem expedient; and in the mean time he, the trustee, is to receive, besides expenses, costs and charges, a fair and liberal compensation, and not to be liable to answer or make good any losses that may happen in investing or reinvesting the same, unless it shall arise from wilful neglect or default.

Mr. Rogers, who was the attorney who advised and the scrivener who drew this will, is constituted sole executor and trustee, without liability, except for wilful neglect or default, as before said. The remaining three, together with all the other real estate, is to be rented by said Rogers until the youngest child comes of age, and then divided by three persons, to be appointed by the trustee, and conveyed to the children, less his expenses and commissions thereon, or sold and distributed, after deducting costs, charges and Rogers' commission.

But there is a singular clause in this paper, to the effect that, if the widow neglects to take her dower, then Rogers is to remain in possession of the same during her life; after which it is to be sold by the executor—he to have a commission on the same. By this management, Rogers would receive for the period of time to elapse before the youngest child would come of age, about $50,000.

This paper was formally proved by two subscribing witnesses—one of whom is Mr. Rogers' particular friend and the other his brother-in-law. The third subscribing witness testified to facts which showed conclusively that Col. Davis was unacquainted with the contents of the paper.

The widow, on behalf of herself and her children, and the attorney of the son residing in New-Orleans, entered a caveat against the probate of this paper, and after having a strong round of opposition, before the Register of Wills, demanded an issue to ascertain if not the effect of which would be to try the case before a Jury in the Supreme Court of Delaware. This deceased Rogers resisted; he contended that the will was drawn in obedience to written instructions; but upon their production it appeared that they, like the supposed will, were all in Rogers's handwriting, and between them and the supposed will there were many discrepancies, particularly in those clauses which are so singularly favorable to Rogers. He next offered himself as a witness, but the Register, after argument, refused to receive him as such.

The Register has decided to grant the general issue of devisavit vel non, to be tried before a Jury in the Supreme Court of Delaware, in May next.

Breach of Promise and Slander.

A $2,000 Verdict.—A suit to recover damages for breach of promise and slander, was tried in the Jefferson (Kentucky) Circuit Court, last week. The plaintiff, Miss Sarah Goodman, alleged that she was engaged to be married to Judge Edil, and, pending the engagement, he spoke slanderous words of her, and then said that on account of the truthfulness of the words uttered he would not marry her. Miss Goodman further alleged that by reason of the slanderous and abusive language used, and the refusal on the part of Edil to marry her, she had been injured to the sum of $2,000, for which she asked judgment. Edil made an answer. A jury was sworn to assess the damages. The speaking of the words by defendant was proved, also it was known that plaintiff was a woman of good character. The jury found for plaintiff in $2,000.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

☞ The Russian Salve—25 Cents a Box.—A Russian ointment of the highest reputation, cures and speedily cures Burns, Scalds, Boils, and all chronic ulcers; recommended by physicians; sold by all druggists in the United States. A. B. & D. SANDS, C. V. CLICKENER & CO., C. H. RING, New-York; WM. R. KEIZER, Philadelphia, and BEDDING & CO., Boston.

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☞ Daguerreotypes, No. 63 Chatham-st.—A new style.—A. F. JOCELYN's original New-York Electrotype Medallions.

NEW ARRANGEMENTS!!!

Good business men, with small capital, can be accommodated in Company, their usual profession and type of mind. All other, more fitted, will be employed in other ways, and to be paid for their services in shares, and dividends. 1,000 new cards for Printers, now on hand, some, which, elsewhere, so far, have cost 25 cents each, but which, for the future, will be furnished at the City Bazaar, where the cost of production is the cost of the article, viz., 1 cent per pack. Many of the best business men in the country, with small capital, are now in the large business of New-York, and are doing well. Now is the time to commence, only at proper rates. Call at 257 Grand-st., corner Orchard.

☞ To Advertisers, Businessmen, and Amateurs.—Two hundred and fifty pounds of Brevier, very nearly worn out, for sale for cash, or exchange for other fonts. To be seen at Messrs. FOWLERS & WELLS' Bookstore.

☞ The University of New-York.—MEDICAL DEPARTMENT.—The Annual Commencement of the Medical Department of the University will be held on WEDNESDAY EVENING, March 7, at half o'clock, in the Chapel of the University, when the degree of Doctor of Medicine will be conferred by Prof. W. H. VAN BUREN. The Friends and the public generally are respectfully invited to attend.

☞ Rich & Co.'s Sulphuretted Hydrogen.—WILDER'S PATENT.—Sir Peter Pay Locke that have been taken. Twelve years in use and 3 dollar's worth of the genuine article, for 25 cents, or 12 for $2. They have been so imitated, have had Brewster hydrogen, Rich hydrogen, For sale by STEARNS & MARVIN, Nos. 104 and 106 Water-st., the only makers of Rich's genuine Wilder's and Rich & Co.'s Patents.

☞ Second Spanish Walk-Around.—The distribution of the property belonging to the Association will take place on THIS (Tuesday) EVENING, March 6, at No. 162 Broadway, at 8 o'clock, when and where all persons are requested to be present, as it is the last time that the Association will be convened in a body. JOHN WILSON, President.

☞ Artificial Legs.—Palmer's Patent.—For usefulness, beauty, comfort, and natural appearance, are unrivalled. A. Auction of Patents. Their sale commenced at No. 218 Broadway; No. 408 Chestnut-st., Philadelphia, and Baltimore Street.

☞ Evening Worship every Hill Speaks will be served up this day and during the week at Nos. 15 and 17 Bedford-st., Boston, and delivered by any part of the City free of extra charge.

☞ New-England Society.—The festival in aid of the society fund, announced to take place on the 22d inst., at the Astor House, is unavoidably postponed to THURSDAY EVENING, March 8.

☞ Billiard and Bowling-Rooms to Let. At No. 1 Broadway, opposite the Coliseum, and adjoining the Metropolitan Hotel. Also, lots in same building.

PERSONAL.

IF THIS SHOULD MEET THE EYE OF HENRY CHARLES, which may be the last time, he will hear of something to his advantage with his Sister ANN. Address Mrs. ANN BIRON, Post-office, Stamford, New-York, Western Reserve, Ohio.

ELECTRICAL PSYCHOLOGY.—Dr. BENTON, Medical Electrician, will Psycho and show by magnetic experiments, the Physiology of Sleep, Dreams, Clairvoyance, Mesmerism, Spirit Rapping, &c., &c., at Tuesday Evening, Wednesday Evening, and Thursday Evening, Wednesday Evening, Thursday Evening, and Friday Evening, at Hall, No. 5 Broadway, Office No. 5 Broadway.

NEW-YORK HISTORICAL SOCIETY.—The regular Meeting of the Society will be held on TUESDAY EVENING, March 6, at 8 o'clock, when the following Papers will be read: 1st, Commemorative Address on the Life and Character of Hon. Ogden Hoffman, by Hon. Charles Daly; 2d, Notice of the Life and Character of Hon. Ogden Hoffman, by Hon. Charles Daly; 3d, Notice of the Life and Character of Hon. Ogden Hoffman, by Hon. Charles Daly. By order of the President, JOHN ALLEN, Recording Secretary.

LADIES' FANCY CHINA AND GLASS STORE.—Ladies' Fancy China and Glass Store, 1 Astor House, Broadway, opposite the Astor House.

FOR SALE.

HOUSE FOR SALE—A very desirable house, in Clinton-st., near Houston, containing 10 rooms, hall, gas, water, &c. Price $3,000. Terms easy. Apply to HALL & CALLOW, No. 206 Broadway.

COUNTRY RESIDENCE FOR SALE—At Rye Beach, adjoining the village of Lake Island House, consisting of one acre in front of Long Island Sound, with a very commodious house, filled in with brick and hard finished walls, complete, and in good order, with all the outbuildings, well, cistern, &c. Apply to HALL & CALLOW, No. 206 Broadway.

A PLEASANT COTTAGE RESIDENCE AND FARM FOR SALE—Situated on the banks of Rye Pond, at Port Chester, The house is new, two stories high, 40 feet by 30, with a wing, either built by days' work in the best manner, and contains all the improvements that are wanted in a country residence. There are about 15 acres of land, well fenced and well watered, and a very fine orchard of about 200 trees, all of which are in a healthy state, and bearing fruit. The house is built on an elevation, commanding a fine view of the Sound and the adjacent country. The place is only 1 mile from the Port Chester Station, and 1 mile from the Sound, and 1 mile from a steamboat landing, and 1 mile from a good market town. The place is well adapted for a gentleman who wishes a country residence, and to be near the City. For further information, inquire on the premises, or of HALL & CALLOW, No. 206 Broadway.

HOUSES AND LOTS FOR SALE—In Brooklyn, Houses, full of lath, brick, and finished, contain, marble mantels and grates, gaslight, water, sitting down, gas and fixtures; cellar, the whole painted in different colors, ready for sale, about 100 feet north of Myrtle-ave. Apply to J. W. BRAINERD, No. 38 Fulton-st., Brooklyn, or H. PHILLIPS, on the premises. Terms easy.

HOUSES FOR SALE—In Gates-ave., Brooklyn, near Bedford, Houses three stories, basement, two parlors, cellar, gaslight, brick front, marble mantels and grates, the entire house painted in different colors, ready for sale. Price $1,800 each. Apply to JAMES WEBB, 1 Wall-st., or on the premises, of H. PHILLIPS, No. 1 Pulaski-st., Brooklyn. Terms easy.

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HOUSE FOR SALE OR TO LET.—A very desirable house, in the village of Williamsburgh, adjoining the residence of Thomas W. Field, No. 217 South 9th-st. Will be sold very low. Apply to THOMAS W. FIELD, No. 217 South 9th-st., Williamsburgh.

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HOUSE FOR SALE

CITY BANK STATEMENTS.

Published in the Daily Times by Order of the Bank Commissioner of the Banking Department.

STATEMENT OF THE AMERICAN EXCHANGE BANK, OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK—As required by Chapter 326, Laws of 1852, for the week ending, the 24 day of March, 1855:

Average amount of Loans and Discounts.....$4,[illegible]
Average amount of Specie.....[illegible]
Average amount of Circulation.....[illegible]
Average amount of Deposits.....$3,[illegible]

City and County of New-York, ss.—I, GEORGE S. COE, Cashier of the AMERICAN EXCHANGE BANK, being duly sworn, deposes and say that the above statement is correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

GEO. S. COE, Cashier.

Sworn before me, this 5th day of March, 1855.

GILBERT S. NIXON, Commissioner of Deeds.

STATEMENT OF THE ATLANTIC BANK, OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK—As required by Chapter 326, Laws of 1852, for the week ending Saturday, the 24 day of March, 1855:

Average amount of Loans and Discounts.....$[illegible]
Average amount of Specie.....$1,791 00
Average amount of Circulation.....[illegible]
Average amount of Deposits.....$97,[illegible]

City and County of New-York, ss.—I, GEO. D. ARTHUR, Cashier of the ATLANTIC BANK, of the City of New-York, being duly sworn, deposes and say that the above statement is correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

GEORGE D. ARTHUR, Cashier.

Sworn before me, this 5th day of March, 1855.

GILBERT S. NIXON, Commissioner of Deeds.

STATEMENT OF THE BANK OF AMERICA—As required by Chapter 326, Laws of 1852, for the week ending Saturday, the 24 day of March, 1855:

Average amount of Loans and Discounts.....$4,147,[illegible]
Average amount of Specie.....[illegible]
Average amount of Circulation, notes of this bank.....[illegible]
Average amount of Deposits.....$[illegible]

City and County of New-York, ss.—I, JAS. FUNNELL, Cashier of the BANK OF AMERICA, being duly sworn, deposes and says that the above statement is correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

J. FUNNELL, Cashier.

Sworn before me, this 5th day of March, 1855.

GILBERT S. NIXON, Commissioner of Deeds.

STATEMENT OF THE BANK OF COMMERCE IN NEW-YORK—As required by Chapter 326, Laws of 1852, for the week ending Saturday, the 24 day of March, 1855:

Average amount of Loans and Discounts.....$6,[illegible]
Average amount of Specie.....[illegible]
Average amount of Circulation.....[illegible]
Average amount of Deposits.....$4,[illegible]

City and County of New-York, ss.—I, HENRY F. VAIL, Cashier of the BANK OF COMMERCE in New-York, being duly sworn, deposes and say that the above statement is correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

HENRY F. VAIL, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn before me, this 5th day of March, 1855.

GILBERT S. NIXON, Commissioner of Deeds.

STATEMENT OF THE BANK OF THE COMMONWEALTH, NEW-YORK—As required by Chapter 326, Laws of 1852, for the week ending Saturday, the 24 day of March, 1855:

Average amount of Loans and Discounts.....$1,345,[illegible]
Average amount of Specie.....$1,[illegible]
Average amount of Circulation.....$1,[illegible]
Average amount of Deposits.....$[illegible]

City and County of New-York, ss.—I, GEORGE ELLIS, Cashier of the BANK OF THE COMMONWEALTH, being duly sworn, deposes and say that the foregoing statement is true, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

GEORGE ELLIS, Cashier.

Sworn before me, this 5th day of March, 1855.

GILBERT S. NIXON, Commissioner of Deeds.

STATEMENT OF THE BANK OF NEW-YORK—As required by Chapter 326, Laws of 1852, for the week ending Saturday, the 24 day of March, 1855:

Average amount of Loans and Discounts.....$3,171,[illegible]
Average amount of Specie.....[illegible]
Average amount of Circulation.....[illegible]
Average amount of Deposits.....$[illegible]

City and County of New-York, ss.—I, ANTHONY J. MALLORY, Cashier of the BANK OF NEW-YORK, being duly sworn, deposes and say that the above statement is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

ANTHONY J. MALLORY, Cashier.

Sworn before me, this 5th day of March, 1855.

THOMAS SEWARDY, Commissioner of Deeds.

STATEMENT OF THE BANK OF NORTH AMERICA—As required by Chapter 326, Laws of 1852, for the week ending Saturday, the 24 day of March, 1855:

Average amount of Loans and Discounts.....$1,[illegible]
Average amount of Specie.....[illegible]
Average amount of Circulation.....[illegible]
Average amount of Deposits.....$1,[illegible]

City and County of New-York, ss.—I, ISAAC SEYMOUR, Cashier of the BANK OF NORTH AMERICA, being duly sworn, deposes and say that the above statement is correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

I. SEYMOUR, Cashier.

Sworn before me, this 5th day of March, 1855.

GILBERT S. NIXON, Commissioner of Deeds.

STATEMENT OF THE BANK OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK—As required by Chapter 326, Laws of 1852, for the week ending Saturday, the 24 day of March, 1855:

Average amount of Loans and Discounts.....$3,[illegible]
Average amount of Specie.....$[illegible]
Average amount of Circulation.....$[illegible]
Average amount of Deposits.....$2,[illegible]

City and County of New-York, ss.—I, ROBERT H. LOWRY, Cashier of the BANK OF THE REPUBLIC, being duly sworn, deposes and say that the above statement is correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

R. H. LOWRY, Cashier.

Sworn before me, this 5th day of March, 1855.

ERWIN F. CORBY, Commissioner of Deeds.

STATEMENT OF THE BANK OF THE STATE OF NEW-YORK—As required by Chapter 326, Laws of 1852, for the week ending Saturday, the 24 day of March, 1855:

Average amount of Loans and Discounts.....$[illegible]
Average amount of Specie.....[illegible]
Average amount of Circulation.....[illegible]
Average amount of Deposits.....$[illegible]

City and County of New-York, ss.—I, WITHERS, Cashier of the BANK OF THE STATE OF NEW-YORK, being duly sworn, deposes and says that the above statement is correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

R. WITHERS, Cashier.

Sworn before me, this 5th day of March, 1855.

A. C. GRAHAM, Notary Public.

STATEMENT OF THE BOWERY BANK—As required by Chapter 326, Laws of 1852, for the week ending Saturday, the 24 day of March, 1855:

Average amount of Loans and Discounts.....$[illegible]
Average amount of Specie.....[illegible]
Average amount of Circulation.....[illegible]
Average amount of Deposits.....$[illegible]

City and County of New-York, ss.—I, HENRY F. VAIL, Cashier of the BANK OF COMMERCE in New-York, being duly sworn, deposes and say that the above statement is correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

H. F. VAIL, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn before me, this 5th day of March, 1855.

GILBERT S. NIXON, Commissioner of Deeds.

STATEMENT OF THE BANK OF THE COMMONWEALTH, NEW-YORK—As required by Chapter 326, Laws of 1852, for the week ending Saturday, the 24 day of March, 1855:

Average amount of Loans and Discounts.....$1,345,[illegible]
Average amount of Specie.....[illegible]
Average amount of Circulation.....[illegible]
Average amount of Deposits.....$[illegible]

City and County of New-York, ss.—I, GEORGE ELLIS, Cashier of the BANK OF THE COMMONWEALTH, being duly sworn, deposes and say that the foregoing statement is true, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

GEORGE ELLIS, Cashier.

Sworn before me, this 5th day of March, 1855.

GILBERT S. NIXON, Commissioner of Deeds.

STATEMENT OF THE BANK OF NEW-YORK—As required by Chapter 326, Laws of 1852, for the week ending Saturday, the 24 day of March, 1855:

Average amount of Loans and Discounts.....$3,171,[illegible]
Average amount of Specie.....[illegible]
Average amount of Circulation.....[illegible]
Average amount of Deposits.....$[illegible]

City and County of New-York, ss.—I, ANTHONY J. MALLORY, Cashier of the BANK OF NEW-YORK, being duly sworn, deposes and say that the above statement is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

ANTHONY J. MALLORY, Cashier.

Sworn before me, this 5th day of March, 1855.

THOMAS SEWARDY, Commissioner of Deeds.

STATEMENT OF THE BANK OF NORTH AMERICA—As required by Chapter 326, Laws of 1852, for the week ending Saturday, the 24 day of March, 1855:

Average amount of Loans and Discounts.....$1,[illegible]
Average amount of Specie.....[illegible]
Average amount of Circulation.....[illegible]
Average amount of Deposits.....$1,[illegible]

City and County of New-York, ss.—I, ISAAC SEYMOUR, Cashier of the BANK OF NORTH AMERICA, being duly sworn, deposes and say that the above statement is correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

I. SEYMOUR, Cashier.

Sworn before me, this 5th day of March, 1855.

GILBERT S. NIXON, Commissioner of Deeds.

STATEMENT OF THE BANK OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK—As required by Chapter 326, Laws of 1852, for the week ending Saturday, the 24 day of March, 1855:

Average amount of Loans and Discounts.....$3,[illegible]
Average amount of Specie.....[illegible]
Average amount of Circulation.....[illegible]
Average amount of Deposits.....$2,[illegible]

City and County of New-York, ss.—I, ROBERT H. LOWRY, Cashier of the BANK OF THE REPUBLIC, being duly sworn, deposes and say that the above statement is correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

R. H. LOWRY, Cashier.

Sworn before me, this 5th day of March, 1855.

ERWIN F. CORBY, Commissioner of Deeds.

STATEMENT OF THE BANK OF THE STATE OF NEW-YORK—As required by Chapter 326, Laws of 1852, for the week ending Saturday, the 24 day of March, 1855:

Average amount of Loans and Discounts.....$[illegible]
Average amount of Specie.....[illegible]
Average amount of Circulation.....[illegible]
Average amount of Deposits.....$[illegible]

City and County of New-York, ss.—I, WITHERS, Cashier of the BANK OF THE STATE OF NEW-YORK, being duly sworn, deposes and says that the above statement is correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

R. WITHERS, Cashier.

Sworn before me, this 5th day of March, 1855.

A. C. GRAHAM, Notary Public.

STATEMENT OF THE BOWERY BANK—As required by Chapter 326, Laws of 1852, for the week ending Saturday, the 24 day of March, 1855:

Average amount of Loans and Discounts.....$[illegible]
Average amount of Specie.....[illegible]
Average amount of Circulation.....[illegible]
Average amount of Deposits.....$[illegible]

City and County of New-York, ss.—I, HENRY F. VAIL, Cashier of the BANK OF COMMERCE in New-York, being duly sworn, deposes and say that the above statement is correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

H. F. VAIL, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn before me, this 5th day of March, 1855.

GILBERT S. NIXON, Commissioner of Deeds.

STATEMENT OF THE CONTINENTAL BANK OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK—As required by Chapter 326, Laws of 1852, for the week ending Saturday, the 24 day of March, 1855:

Average amount of Loans and Discounts.....$2,[illegible]
Average amount of Specie.....[illegible]
Average amount of Circulation.....[illegible]
Average amount of Deposits.....$[illegible]

City and County of New-York, ss.—I, W. T. HOOKER, Cashier of the CONTINENTAL BANK, being duly sworn, deposes and say that the above statement is correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

W. T. HOOKER, Cashier.

Sworn before me, this 5th day of March, 1855.

GILBERT S. NIXON Commissioner of Deeds.

STATEMENT OF THE CORN EXCHANGE BANK—As required by Chapter 326, Laws of 1852, for the week ending Saturday, the 24 day of March, 1855:

Average amount of Loans and Discounts.....$1,419,[illegible]
Average amount of Specie.....[illegible]
Average amount of Circulation.....[illegible]
Average amount of Deposits.....$1,[illegible]

City and County of New-York, ss.—I, F. A. PLATT, Cashier of the CORN EXCHANGE BANK, being duly sworn, deposes and say that the above statement is correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

F. A. PLATT, Cashier.

Sworn before me, this 5th day of March, 1855.

ANDREW KOHLER, Commissioner of Deeds.

STATEMENT OF THE EAST RIVER BANK, NEW-YORK—As required by Chapter 326, Laws of 1852, for the week ending Saturday, the 24 day of March, 1855:

Average amount of Loans and Discounts.....$[illegible]
Average amount of Specie.....[illegible]
Average amount of Circulation.....[illegible]
Average amount of Deposits.....$[illegible]

City and County of New-York, ss.—I, WILLIAM E. BALLOW, Cashier of the EAST RIVER BANK, New-York, being duly sworn, deposes and say that the above statement is correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

W. E. BALLOW, Cashier.

Sworn before me, this 5th day of March, 1855.

THOMAS MACFARLAN, Commissioner of Deeds.

STATEMENT OF THE FULTON BANK, IN THE CITY OF NEW-YORK—As required by Chapter 326, Laws of 1852, for the week ending Saturday, the 24 day of March, 1855:

Average amount of Loans and Discounts.....$1,314,[illegible]
Average amount of Specie.....[illegible]
Average amount of Circulation.....[illegible]
Average amount of Deposits.....$1,[illegible]

City and County of New-York, ss.—I, WILLIAM F. PHELPS, Cashier of the FULTON BANK, in the City of New-York, being duly sworn, deposes and say that the above statement is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

W. F. PHELPS, Cashier.

Sworn before me, this 5th day of March, 1855.

EDWIN F. CORBY, Commissioner of Deeds.

STATEMENT OF THE GREENWICH BANK OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK—As required by Chapter 326, Laws of 1852, for the week ending Saturday, the 24 day of March, 1855:

Average amount of Loans and Discounts.....$[illegible]
Average amount of Specie.....[illegible]
Average amount of Circulation.....[illegible]
Average amount of Deposits.....$[illegible]

City and County of New-York, ss.—I, WILLIAM HAWES, Cashier of the GREENWICH BANK, being duly sworn, deposes and says that the above statement is correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

WILLIAM HAWES, Cashier.

Sworn before me this 5th day of March, 1855.

JAMES HARRISON, Commissioner of Deeds.

STATEMENT OF THE GROCERS' BANK IN THE CITY OF NEW-YORK—As required by Chapter 326, Laws of 1852, for the week ending Saturday, the 24 day of March, 1855:

Average amount of Loans and Discounts.....$[illegible]
Average amount of Specie.....[illegible]
Average amount of Circulation.....[illegible]
Average amount of Deposits.....$[illegible]

City and County of New-York, ss.—I, GEO. A. CLARK, Assistant Cashier of the GROCERS' BANK in the City of New-York, being duly sworn, deposes and say that the above statement is correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

GEO. A. CLARK, Assistant Cashier.

Sworn before me, this 5th day of March, 1855.

JOHN C. BERRIAN, Commissioner of Deeds.

STATEMENT OF THE HANOVER BANK, NEW-YORK—As required by Chapter 326, Laws of 1852, for the week ending Saturday, the 24 day of March, 1855:

Average amount of Loans and Discounts.....$1,[illegible]
Average amount of Specie.....[illegible]
Average amount of Circulation.....[illegible]
Average amount of Deposits.....$[illegible]

City and County of New-York, ss.—I, THOMAS L. TAYLOR, Cashier of the HANOVER BANK, New-York, being duly sworn, deposes and say that the above statement is correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

THOS. L. TAYLOR, Cashier.

Sworn before me, this 5th day of March, 1855.

GILBERT S. NIXON, Commissioner of Deeds.

STATEMENT OF THE ISLAND CITY BANK—As required by Chapter 326, Laws of 1852, for the week ending Saturday, the 24 day of March, 1855:

Average amount of Loans and Discounts.....$[illegible]
Average amount of Specie.....[illegible]
Average amount of Circulation.....[illegible]
Average amount of Deposits.....$[illegible]

City and County of New-York, ss.—I, WM. STEBBINS, Cashier of the ISLAND CITY BANK, being duly sworn, deposes and say that the above statement is correct.

WM. STEBBINS, Cashier.

Sworn before me, this 5th day of March, 1855.

J. L. HALSEY, Commissioner of Deeds.

STATEMENT OF THE IRVING BANK—As required by Chapter 326, Laws of 1852, for the week ending Saturday, the 24 day of March, 1855:

Average amount of Loans and Discounts.....$[illegible]
Average amount of Specie.....[illegible]
Average amount of Circulation.....[illegible]
Average amount of Deposits.....$[illegible]

City and County of New-York, ss.—I, D. V. H. BERTHOLD, Cashier of the IRVING BANK, being duly sworn, deposes and say that the above statement is correct.

D. V. H. BERTHOLD, Cashier.

Sworn before me, this 5th day of March, 1855.

JOHN C. BERRIAN, Commissioner of Deeds.

STATEMENT OF THE LEATHER MANUFACTURERS' BANK—As required by Chapter 326, Laws of 1852, for the week ending Saturday, the 24 day of March, 1855:

Average amount of Loans and Discounts.....$1,[illegible]
Average amount of Specie.....[illegible]
Average amount of Circulation.....[illegible]
Average amount of Deposits.....$1,[illegible]

City and County of New-York, ss.—I, THOMAS B. ACLY, Cashier of the LEATHER MANUFACTURERS' BANK, being duly sworn, deposes and say that the above statement is correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

T. B. ACLY, Cashier.

Sworn before me, this 5th day of March, 1855.

GILBERT S. NIXON, Commissioner of Deeds.

STATEMENT OF THE MANHATTAN COMPANY OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK—As required by Chapter 326, Laws of 1852, for the week ending Saturday, the 24 day of March, 1855:

Average amount of Loans and Discounts.....$4,[illegible]
Average amount of Specie.....[illegible]
Average amount of Circulation.....[illegible]
Average amount of Deposits.....$[illegible]

City and County of New-York, ss.—I, JAMES M. CORNELL, Cashier of the MANHATTAN COMPANY of the City of New-York, being duly sworn, deposes and say that the above statement is correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

J. M. MORRISON, Cashier.

Sworn before me, this 5th day of March, 1855.

GILBERT S. NIXON, Commissioner of Deeds.

STATEMENT OF THE MARINE BANK OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK—As required by Chapter 326, Laws of 1852, for the week ending Saturday, the 24 day of March, 1855:

Average amount of Loans and Discounts.....$[illegible]
Average amount of Specie.....[illegible]
Average amount of Circulation.....[illegible]
Average amount of Deposits.....$[illegible]

City and County of New-York, ss.—I, J. C. BEACH, Cashier of the MARINE BANK, being duly sworn, deposes and say that the above statement is correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

J. C. BEACH, Cashier.

Sworn before me, this 5th day of March, 1855.

WILLIAM DODGE, Commissioner of Deeds.

STATEMENT OF THE MARKET BANK—As required by Chapter 326, Laws of 1852, for the week ending Saturday, the 24 day of March, 1855:

Average amount of Loans and Discounts.....$1,[illegible]
Average amount of Specie.....[illegible]
Average amount of Circulation.....[illegible]
Average amount of Deposits.....$[illegible]

City and County of New-York, ss.—I, ROBERT H. HAYCOCK, Cashier of the MARKET BANK, being duly affirmed, deposes and say that the above statement is correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

R. H. HAYDOCK, Cashier.

Affirmed before me, this 5th day of March, 1855.

EDWIN F. CORBY, Commissioner of Deeds.

STATEMENT OF THE MECHANICS' BANK—As required by Chapter 326, Laws of 1852, for the week ending Saturday, the 24 day of March, 1855:

Average amount of Loans and Discounts.....$[illegible]
Average amount of Specie.....[illegible]
Average amount of Circulation.....[illegible]
Average amount of Deposits.....$[illegible]

City and County of New-York, ss.—I, EDMOND E. THORNE, Cashier of the MECHANICS' BANK, being duly sworn, deposes and say, that the above statement is correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

E. E. EDMONDS, Cashier.

Sworn before me, this 5th day of March, 1855.

GILBERT S. NIXON, Commissioner of Deeds.

STATEMENT OF THE MECHANICS' BANKING ASSOCIATION—As required by Chapter 326, Laws of 1852, for the week ending Saturday, the 24 day of March, 1855:

Average amount of Loans and Discounts.....$1,[illegible]
Average amount of Specie.....[illegible]
Average amount of Circulation.....[illegible]
Average amount of Deposits.....$[illegible]

City and County of New-York, ss.—I, W. A. KISSAM, Cashier of the SHOE AND LEATHER BANK, being duly sworn, deposes and say that the above statement is correct.

W. A. KISSAM, Cashier.

Sworn before me, this 5th day of March, 1855.

SAMUEL P. BELL, Commissioner of Deeds.

STATEMENT OF THE MECHANICS' BANK, OF NEW-YORK—As required by Chapter 326, Laws of 1852, for the week ending Saturday, the 24 day of March, 1855:

Average amount of Loans and Discounts.....$[illegible]
Average amount of Specie.....[illegible]
Average amount of Circulation.....[illegible]
Average amount of Deposits.....$[illegible]

City and County of New-York, ss.—I, JOHN J. STEPHENS, Cashier of the MECHANICS' BANKING ASSOCIATION, being duly sworn, deposes and say that the above statement is correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

JOHN J. STEPHENS, Cashier.

Sworn before me, this 5th day of March, 1855.

GILBERT S. NIXON, Commissioner of Deeds.

STATEMENT OF THE MECHANICS' AND TRADERS' BANK—As required by Chapter 326, Laws of 1852, for the week ending Saturday, the 24 day of March, 1855:

Average amount of Loans and Discounts.....$[illegible]
Average amount of Specie.....[illegible]
Average amount of Circulation.....[illegible]
Average amount of Deposits.....$[illegible]

City and County of New-York, ss.—I, JAMES C. DUNCAN, Cashier of the MECHANICS' AND TRADERS' BANK, being duly sworn, deposes and say that the above statement is correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

J. C. DUNCAN, Cashier.

Sworn before me, this 5th day of March, 1855.

JOHN C. DEVOY, Commissioner of Deeds.

STATEMENT OF THE MERCANTILE BANK—As required by Chapter 326, Laws of 1852, for the week ending Saturday, the 24 day of March, 1855:

Average amount of Loans and Discounts.....$[illegible]
Average amount of Specie.....[illegible]
Average amount of Circulation.....[illegible]
Average amount of Deposits.....$[illegible]

City and County of New-York, ss.—I, E. J. BLAKE, Cashier of the MERCANTILE BANK, being duly sworn, deposes and say that the above statement is correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

E. J. BLAKE, Cashier.

Sworn before me, this 5th day of March, 1855.

O. E. WHEELER, Commissioner of Deeds.

STATEMENT OF THE MERCANTILE BANK OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK—As required by Chapter 326, Laws of 1852, for the week ending Saturday, the 24 day of March, 1855:

Average amount of Loans and Discounts.....$[illegible]
Average amount of Specie.....[illegible]
Average amount of Circulation.....[illegible]
Average amount of Deposits.....$[illegible]

City and County of New-York, ss.—I, JOHN J. STEPHENS, Cashier of the MERCANTILE BANK, being duly sworn, deposes and say that the above statement is correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

J. J. STEPHENS, Cashier.

Sworn before me, this 5th day of March, 1855.

GILBERT S. NIXON, Commissioner of Deeds.

STATEMENT OF THE MERCHANTS' BANK, IN THE CITY OF NEW-YORK—As required by Chapter 326, Laws of 1852, for the week ending Saturday, the 24 day of March, 1855:

Average amount of Loans and Discounts.....$2,[illegible]
Average amount of Specie.....[illegible]
Average amount of Circulation.....[illegible]
Average amount of Deposits.....$1,[illegible]

City and County of New-York, ss.—I, E. J. CARLEY, Cashier of the MERCHANTS' EXCHANGE BANK, in the City of New-York, being duly sworn, deposes and say that the above statement is correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

E. J. CARLEY, Cashier.

Sworn before me, this 5th day of March, 1855.

JNO. PHILLIPS, Commissioner of Deeds.

STATEMENT OF THE METROPOLITAN BANK, OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK—As required by Chapter 326, Laws of 1852, for the week ending Saturday, the 24 day of March, 1855:

Average amount of Loans and Discounts.....$4,[illegible]
Average amount of Specie.....[illegible]
Average amount of Circulation.....[illegible]
Average amount of Deposits.....$1,[illegible]

City and County of New-York, ss.—I, HENRY MEIGS, Jr., Cashier of the METROPOLITAN BANK, being duly sworn, deposes and say that the above statement is correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

H. MEIGS, Jr., Cashier.

Sworn before me, this 5th day of March, 1855.

GILBERT S. NIXON Commissioner of Deeds.

STATEMENT OF THE NASSAU BANK—As required by Chapter 326, Laws of 1852, for the week ending Saturday, the 24 day of March, 1855:

Average amount of Loans and Discounts.....$[illegible]
Average amount of Specie and Discounts.....[illegible]
Average amount of Circulation.....[illegible]
Average amount of Deposits.....$[illegible]

City and County of New-York, ss.—I, A. A. TOOKER, Cashier of the NASSAU BANK, being duly sworn, deposes and say that the above statement is correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

A. A. TOOKER, Cashier.

Sworn before me, this 5th day of March, 1855.

D. B. TAYLOR, Commissioner of Deeds.

STATEMENT OF THE NATIONAL BANK OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK—As required by Chapter 326, Laws of 1852, for the week ending Saturday, the 24 day of March, 1855:

Average amount of Loans and Discounts.....$1,[illegible]
Average amount of Specie.....[illegible]
Average amount of Circulation.....[illegible]
Average amount of Deposits.....$[illegible]

City and County of New-York, ss.—I, B. T. HOOGLAND, Cashier of the NATIONAL BANK, being duly sworn, deposes and say that the above statement is correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

B. T. HOOGLAND, Cash'r.

Sworn before me, this 5th day of March, 1855.

GILBERT S. NIXON, Commissioner of Deeds.

STATEMENT OF THE BANK OF THE NEW-YORK DRY DOCK COMPANY—As required by Chapter 326, Laws of 1852, for the week ending Saturday, the 24 day of March, 1855:

Average amount of Loans and Discounts.....$[illegible]
Average amount of Specie.....[illegible]
Average amount of Circulation.....[illegible]
Average amount of Deposits.....$[illegible]

City and County of New-York, ss.—I, FREDERICK T. HAYES, Cashier of the NEW-YORK DRY DOCK COMPANY, being duly sworn, deposes and says that the above statement is correct.

F. T. HAYES, Cashier.

Sworn before me, this 5th day of March, 1855.

JOHN ANDERSON JR., Commissioner of Deeds.

STATEMENT OF THE NEW-YORK EXCHANGE BANK—As required by Chapter 326, Laws of 1852, for the week ending Saturday, the 24 day of March, 1855:

Average amount of Loans and Discounts.....$197,184 [illegible]
Average amount of Specie.....[illegible]
Average amount of Circulation.....[illegible]
Average amount of Deposits.....$[illegible]

City and County of New-York, ss.—I, D. H. HALSTEAD, Cashier of the NEW-YORK EXCHANGE BANK, being duly sworn, deposes and say that the above statement is correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

D. H. HALSTEAD, Cashier.

Sworn before me, this 5th day of March, 1855.

JOHN PHILLIPS, Commissioner of Deeds.

STATEMENT OF THE NORTH RIVER BANK—As required by Chapter 326, Laws of 1852, for the week ending Saturday, the 24 day of March, 1855:

Average amount of Loans and Discounts.....$1,[illegible]
Average amount of Specie.....[illegible]
Average amount of Circulation.....[illegible]
Average Amount of Deposits.....[illegible]

City of New-York, ss.—I, A. B. HAYS, Cashier of the NORTH RIVER BANK, being duly sworn, deposes and say that the above statement is correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

A. B. HAYS, Cashier.

Sworn before me, this 5th day of March, 1855.

EDWARD N. BOGERS, Commissioner of Deeds.

STATEMENT OF THE OCEAN BANK IN THE CITY OF NEW-YORK—As required by Chapter 326, Laws of 1852, for the week ending Saturday, the 24 day of March, 1855:

Average amount of Loans and Discounts.....$1,[illegible]
Average amount of Specie.....[illegible]
Average amount of Circulation.....[illegible]
Average amount of Deposits.....$[illegible]

City and County of New-York, ss.—I, CHARLES PALMER, Assistant Cashier of the OCEAN BANK of the City of New-York, being duly affirmed, deposes and say that the above statement is correct.

CHAS. PALMER, Assistant Cashier.

Affirmed before me, this 5th day of March, 1855.

JOHN PHILLIPS, Commissioner of Deeds.

STATEMENT OF THE ORIENTAL BANK, IN THE CITY OF NEW-YORK—As required by Chapter 326, Laws of 1852, for the week ending Saturday, the 24 day of March, 1855:

Average amount of Loans and Discounts.....$[illegible]
Average amount of Specie.....[illegible]
Average amount of Circulation.....[illegible]
Average amount of Deposits.....$[illegible]

City and County of New-York, ss.—I, D. V. H. BERTHOLD, Cashier of the ORIENTAL BANK, being duly sworn, deposes and say that the above statement is correct.

D. V. H. BERTHOLD, Cashier.

Sworn before me, this 5th day of March, 1855.

SAMUEL JENKINS, Commissioner of Deeds.

STATEMENT OF THE PACIFIC BANK—As required by Chapter 326, Laws of 1852, for the week ending Saturday, the 24 day of March, 1855:

Average amount of Loans and Discounts.....$[illegible]
Average amount of Specie.....[illegible]
Average amount of Circulation.....[illegible]
Average amount of Deposits.....$[illegible]

City and County of New-York, ss.—I, J. CAMPBELL, Jr., Cashier of the PACIFIC BANK, being duly sworn, deposes and say that the above statement is correct.

J. CAMPBELL, Jr., Cashier.

Sworn before me, this 5th day of March, 1855.

WM. LEE, Commissioner of Deeds.

STATEMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S BANK OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK—As required by Chapter 326, Laws of 1852, for the week ending Saturday, the 24 day of March, 1855:

Average amount of Loans and Discounts.....$727,[illegible]
Average amount of Specie.....[illegible]
Average amount of Circulation.....[illegible]
Average amount of Deposits.....$19,[illegible]

City and County of New-York, ss.—I, A. ARCHIBALD, Cashier of the PEOPLE'S BANK, being duly sworn, deposes and says that the above statement is correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

G. DE ANGELIS, Cashier.

Sworn before me, this 5th day of March, 1855.

WM. R. MAY, Commissioner of Deeds.

STATEMENT OF THE PHENIX BANK OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK—As required by Chapter 326, Laws of 1852, for the week ending Saturday, the 24 day of March, 1855:

Average amount of Loans and Discounts.....$2,[illegible]
Average amount of Specie.....[illegible]
Average amount of Circulation.....[illegible]
Average amount of Deposits.....$2,[illegible]

City and County of New-York, ss.—I, P. HENRY CARY, Assistant President of the PHENIX BANK, being duly sworn, deposes and say that the above statement is correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

H. CARY, Ass't President.

Sworn before me, this 5th day of March, 1855.

THOMAS S. SOMMERS, Commissioner of Deeds.

STATEMENT OF THE ST. NICHOLAS BANK OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK—As required by Chapter 326, Laws of 1852, for the week ending Saturday, the 24 day of March, 1855:

Average amount of Loans and Discounts.....$[illegible]
Average amount of Specie.....[illegible]
Average amount of Circulation.....[illegible]
Average amount of Deposits.....$[illegible]

City and County of New-York, ss.—I, ROBT. S. DARLEY, Cashier of the ST. NICHOLAS BANK, being duly sworn, depose and say that the above statement is correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

R. S. DARLEY, Cashier.

Sworn before me, this 5th day of March, 1855.

JAS. SELTZER, Commissioner of Deeds.

STATEMENT OF THE SEVENTH WARD BANK—As required by Chapter 326, Laws of 1852, for the week ending Saturday, the 24 day of March, 1855:

Average amount of Loans and Discounts.....$1,[illegible]
Average amount of Specie.....[illegible]
Average amount of Circulation.....[illegible]
Average amount of Deposits.....$[illegible]

City and County of New-York, ss.—I, ALFRED S. FRASER, Cashier of the SEVENTH WARD BANK, being duly sworn, depose and say that the above statement is correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

A. S. FRASER, Cashier.

Sworn before me, this 5th day of March, 1855.

GILBERT S. NIXON, Commissioner of Deeds.

STATEMENT OF THE SHOE AND LEATHER BANK—As required by Chapter 326, Laws of 1852, for the week ending Saturday, the 24 day of March, 1855:

Average amount of Loans and Discounts.....$[illegible]
Average amount of Specie.....[illegible]
Average amount of Circulation.....[illegible]
Average amount of Deposits.....$[illegible]

City and County of New-York, ss.—I, W. A. KISSAM, Cashier of the SHOE AND LEATHER BANK, being duly sworn, deposes and say that the above statement is correct.

W. A. KISSAM, Cashier.

Sworn before me, this 5th day of March, 1855.

SAMUEL P. BELL, Commissioner of Deeds.

STATEMENT OF THE TRADESMEN'S BANK OF NEW-YORK—As required by Chapter 326, Laws of 1852, for the week ending Saturday, the 24 day of March, 1855:

Average amount of Loans and Discounts.....$[illegible]
Average amount of Specie.....[illegible]
Average amount of Circulation.....[illegible]
Average amount of Deposits.....$[illegible]

City and County of New-York, ss.—I, RICHARD BURRY, Cashier of the TRADESMEN'S BANK, New-York, being duly affirmed, deposes and says that the above statement is correct.

RICHARD BURRY, Cashier.

Affirmed before me, this 5th day of March, 1855.

E. E. FELLOWS, Commissioner of Deeds.

STATEMENT OF THE UNION BANK, NEW-YORK—As required by Chapter 326, Laws of 1852, for the week ending Saturday, the 24 day of March, 1855:

Average amount of Loans and Discounts.....$[illegible]
Average amount of Specie.....[illegible]
Circulation of the late Union Bank.....[illegible]
Average amount of Deposits.....$[illegible]

City and County of New-York, ss.—I, D. ROBERTS, Cashier of the UNION BANK, being duly sworn, deposes and say that the above statement is correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

D. ROBERTS, Cashier.

Sworn before me this 5th day of March, 1855.

GILBERT S. NIXON, Commissioner of Deeds.

MACHINERY.

SOLID WROUGHT IRON BEAMS FOR FIRE-PROOF BUILDINGS, VAULTS, STORE FRONTS, ROOFS, &c.—The undersigned are now prepared to furnish Solid Wrought Iron Rolled Beams, cut to order, of any length, at a price which renders the use of these buildings to be secured at a very moderate advance on the cost of wooden ones. The public are invited to examine the new building of Messrs. Harper & Brothers, in Cliff-st., where there are beams used. For further information apply to COOPER & HEWITT, No. 17 Burling-slip.

FARO PLAYING CARDS.

FARO PLAYING CARDS.—The subscribers have on hand, with all the various other qualities of linen and cotton cards, the Faro Playing Cards, for sale to the trade and club houses at their store, No. 1 Barclay-st. opposite the Astor House.

MEDICAL.

THE MARRIED WOMAN'S PRIVATE MEDICAL COMPANION, by Dr. A. M. MAURICEAU, Price $2.00. Illustrated. Sent by Mail, Free, Price $2.00. On Fine Paper, Extra Binding, $3. Every complaint to which women is subject, from childhood to womanhood, as also as with and as mother, are fully described, with the causes, the symptoms, and also proper means of treatment, in a plain, simple, but in the most chaste manner possible, yet intelligible. And that every woman can do cover, by comparing her own symptoms with those described, the nature, character and causes of her complaint; and be spared much anxiety and suffering, the wife about becoming a mother has often need of instruction and advice of the utmost importance to her future health, in respect to which her apprehensions furnish cause for a medical gentleman, will find such instruction and advice, and also explains many symptoms which otherwise would occasion anxiety or alarm. Show women are suffering from obstructions or irregularities peculiar to the female system, which undermine the health, the effects of which they are ignorant, and for which the delicacy forbids consulting medical advice? How many suffer from prolapsus uteri, (falling of the womb,) or from fluor albus, (weakness, debility, &c.)? How many are permanent invalids from ignorance of the cause? How many have difficult, if not dangerous deliveries, and slow and uncertain recoveries? How many whose lives are hastened during each time, will each and for the same the means of prevention, sanctioned by the Author? How many bitter moments, how much anguish, might have been spared to the sufferer, to be prevented, or to be relieved, by a timely perusal of this little work. The Author is accessible to consult fully the various subjects treated of, at the very low rate of a private fee. Sent by mail, free of postage, to any part of the United States. All letters must be addressed, post paid, to Dr. A. M. MAURICEAU, Office, No. 129 Liberty-st., New-York, or Box No. 1,386 New-York Post-Office.

MEDICAL AD

New-York Daily Times.

NEW-YORK CITY.

Discussion in Spiritualism.

A small audience was scattered through the Tabernacle last evening to listen to a continuation of the oral discussion on *Spiritualism*, between Dr. WILLIAMS and Rev. Mr. CLARK. The question was, whether the so-called spiritual manifestations of the present day are properly referable to the agency of departed spirits. Mr. CLARK was on the affirmative, and Dr. WILLIAMS on the negative. The former opened the controversy for the evening, and the latter closed it.

Rev. Mr. CLARK said that in endeavoring to prove that there are spiritual manifestations he would confine himself to facts, as he and many other persons had experienced them. There is a large class of intelligent and respected men in this City who have united to investigate the subject, and these persons have seen *spirit hands*, and have taken hold of them. Spiritual light has also been seen; its clearness and beauty could not be misapprehended. Accordeons have been played by spirits, and the sweetest music given forth; thousands of phenomena can be testified to, and all these things have been unmistakably clear. He referred to an article published last Summer, by WILLIAM LLOYD GARRISON, in which that individual described some manifestations made to him. He had his *pantaloons torn* by a spirit. The same spirit also beat a drum in his hearing, and sang the "Old Granite State." He was daughed with the music. ISAAC T. HOPPER, the philanthropist, appeared at the table and said, "the work of perdition is beginning to yield to the hammers of truth, and it may even how be blasted without the aid of powder." The spirit then rang a bell which was under the table and the notes was so loud that the servant appeared, thinking her mistress had called her. A pen-knife was taken up and cut down again by the invisible agency. A pen was lifted from the table and it proceeded of itself to write the name of ISAAC T. HOPPER. Mr. GARRISON's hand was jerked violently by a spirit; he thought, however, it felt a little cold. The speaker said he did not cite these instances from Mr. GARRISON's article, as the most remarkable illustrations of the truth of his position, because Mr. GARRISON has long been known as having a tendency towards materialism. There is a class of manifestations which consist in moving material objects. For instance, an angel in the New Testament, rolled away the stone in front of the sepulchre. Philip, after his conversation with the eunuch, was "spirited away" to a distance of *thirty miles*. Same such power contained Christ when he walked on the sea; it must have been the agency of departed spirits. He then read from an article published in the Christian, that two men could not hold down a table which spirits were lifting. Five men, whose united weight was one hundred and fifty pounds, (they were not very heavy individuals,) could not by sitting upon it hold it down.

Dr. WILLIAMS said we are naturally disposed to listen to remarkable narrations with credulity. Many people believe in ghosts—he did when he was a schoolboy. A man always inclines to the direction of his thoughts, whatever that may happen to be. A person in sighing wood, and while thinking intently on some subject, unconsciously saws off his finger. He is not aware of his injury until his mind returns again to him. The speaker had met many persons who, when he recalled to them (for the sake of experiment) some dear friend far away, they would become so excited as in a few minutes to believe they saw him present, when he was not. Many men, eminent in history for their sagacity and philosophy, have exhibited such tendencies. PYTHAGORAS, at times, thought he was followed by an imaginary person, who urged him to continue his studies and encouraged him in his labors. Dr. JOHNSON fancied that he heard his dead mother call out to him "SAMUEL." POPE, when he had a disease in the intestines, declared that he saw an arm on the wall. But all these sights were in consequence, as the persons themselves confessed, of an excitement of brain. So is it the case with modern spiritualists. If a man acquires a power over his thoughts, spiritualism immediately falls to the ground.

The speaker then entered somewhat into philosophical detail, referring to the structure of body and mind, and the intimate and strong influence of one mind over another.

He asked if there ever was a medium with a *dry skin*? All are moist—and favorable on this account to faster excitements and fascinations of the brain. He ended his opponent to show that spiritual developments are not entirely subjective phenomena. They have nothing at all to do with anything outside of the mind itself. They are mental delusions, brought on by intense excitement, which is not reluctantly submitted to.

The remarks of both speakers elicited some applause; and the audience, having been very orderly during the whole evening, dispersed at the conclusion of the discussion.

Arrest of Counterfeiters.

Yesterday morning an extensive counterfeiting operation was brought to light in the Second Ward. It seems that during the last six weeks, various parts of the Eastern States have been flooded with new and dangerous counterfeit $5 issues on the Mercantile Bank of Providence, Rhode-Island. The plate purports to be engraved by DANFORTH & Co., and with the exception of their being of a very dark shade, they are skillfully executed and well calculated to deceive the public. Two men, who are undoubtedly the *tools* of the real counterfeiters, were captured yesterday by officer HERMANS, whom a grocer in Smith-street detected in the act of passing one of the bills. The prisoners were brought to the Second Ward Station-house by the police officer, thence to the Mayor's Office by Captain LEONARD, where an affidavit was taken before Justice OSBORNE.

Meanwhile a large roll of the counterfeit $5 bills was found in possession of HOGAN, who may yet give information that will lead to the arrest of the leading offenders.

The defendants were examined and committed to prison for trial.

Three Deaths by Burns and Scalds.

On Thursday morning Coroner HILTON held an inquest at No. 23 Columbia-street, on the body of a female named MARGARET COSHERTY, who died of severe burns received on the 1st ultimo, by her clothes catching fire. Verdict accordingly. Deceased was aged 40 years, and born in Ireland.... Coroner WILHELM held an inquest at No. 197 Avenue A, on the body of a man named GOTLIEB KIRTH, who was burned in a shocking manner at Chamberlain's Slaughter-house, in Eldridge-street, on the 19th of February last. Verdict accordingly. Deceased was aged 35 years, and born in Germany.... Another inquest was held on the body of FRANCIS SINGER, who was scalded to death on the 22d ultimo, while at work in the Brewery of Messrs. MILLER, in Chrystie-street. There was no blame attached to any person, and the Jury rendered a verdict accordingly. The deceased was born in Germany, and aged 27 years.

Coroner's Inquest.

Coroner O'DONNELL held an inquest yesterday, at No. 135 Crosby-street, on the body of a lad named JAMES MCGILL, aged 17 years, who died from the effects of a stab which he received with a penknife, in the hands of JOHN MCCABE, another lad also aged about 17 years. From the evidence it was shown that the deceased, MCCABE, and some other boys were "skylarking" together in the street, on the 16th ult.; that MCCABE had an open penknife in his hand, which he thrust about sportively, but recklessly, at his companions; that the deceased received a stab in the arm, producing a severe flesh wound, under which he continued to suffer, and on Thursday died. The Jury, under these circumstances, in their verdict declared "that JAMES FINLEY MCGILL came to his death by a wound inflicted with a penknife in the hands of JOHN MCCABE."

Ticket Swindle.

Yesterday the following affidavit was made before Justice BEEKMAN, in the absence of Judge OSBORNE:

City and County of New-York, ss.—Arthur Langell, being duly sworn, said: That on Sunday, 4th inst., he was taken to the office at No. 199 West-street, for the purpose of purchasing three passage tickets to California; he inquired of the person in charge thereof if that was the regular California emigrant office, when he replied "Yes, here is three upper berths, the only ones we have;" deponent then asked what the fare was; he replied that it was "$145; that is the regular price; the ships had raised since July 1;" that the price had fluctuated the amount stated, without which the price was $150; deponent paid $150 on account of the ticket, and $5 for the ticket; deponent went to an office called the regular office, where a friend of his purchased a ticket, instead of a transit ticket, for $150. ARTHUR LANGELL.

Sworn before me this 5th day of March, 1855.

M. F. BEEKMAN, Police Justice.

The Justice decided that the party should refund the money, which was done, which all left apparently satisfied.

The Alleged Arson.

The investigation respecting a charge of arson pending against JAMES HARRIS, was proceeded with yesterday before Judge DAYTON at the Second District Police Court. There were several witnesses sworn for the prosecution, but nothing very material as to his guilt was elicited. The Magistrate took the defendant's examination and further adjourned the case to Friday next.

Surrendered by his Securities.

JAMES IRVING, who became security in the sum of $5,000 for MCLOUGHLIN, *alias* Pargene, who stands charged with committing a murderous assault on Mr. BENJAMIN LAYCRAFT, of the Eighth Ward, during last Fall, (and who is now in the Tombs on a second charge of participating in the Stanwix Hall shooting affray,) yesterday made a formal surrender of MCLOUGHLIN to the authorities. In order to obtain his release MCLOUGHLIN will be compelled to give bonds in both cases.

☞ Officers MOORE and MURRAY, of the Second District Police Court, arrested JOSEPH H. PYLER, yesterday, on a charge of committing a rape on the person of Miss JULIA RYDER, residing at No. 189 Waverley-place. He was held to bail to answer.

☞ A noted thief was detected in the Third Ward about daylight yesterday morning, by a private watchman, who pursued him so closely that he ran to the pier, jumped off and was drowned.

☞ The Board of Supervisors met last evening, but the business transacted was devoid of general interest. The Board will hold another meeting on Thursday next.

Mayor's Black Book.

The complaint book was in a very plethoric condition on Saturday. By way of depletion, and in order to reduce it to a sanitary state, we extract the following:

J. M. Wallace, Great Jones-street—That carts, wagons, and bales of hay encumber the sidewalk at Nos. 19 and 21 Great Jones-street; also that stove pipes are placed through the windows of Nos. 27 and 29 Great Jones-street, to the great danger of the neighborhood.

H. M. Randoe, No. 110 Leroy-street—That the sidewalk is encumbered in Liberty-street, between Broadway and Nassau-street, with boxes bound with iron hoops, the same being dangerous to passers by.

By Elliott Osborne—States that on the afternoon of Wednesday, Feb. 28, the Hook and Ladder Company No. 10 Truck was rolled from the house of said Company by a numerous party of boys, and on the return of the said apparatus, sixty-three boys were counted by complainant and others, the oldest being about fourteen years; these said boys raising yells to annoy the neighborhood. Had one of these boys fallen, (the complainant continues,) others might have stumbled, and the truck passing over them would have either maimed or killed some of them. Also, that the street in front of Nos. 35 and 36 Eldridge-street, is obstructed with snow and ice.

The members of Rev. Mr. Chapin's church complain against a number of bad boys who congregate in Crosby-street, in the rear of the church, and use opprobrious and improper language on the Sabbath. The children who attend the Sabbath school (male and female) in going to the basement of said church are obliged to hear this profanity, for the reason that a wall only divides them from the said boys.

By R. Pape, Janesville, Wis.—That he was defrauded out of $5 by H. Parrett, keeper of a mock-auction shop in Broadway, near Chambers-street, in exchange for a worthless watch.

R. Hays, Fifty-fifth-street, Second-avenue—That rocks are carelessly blasted by Kinsley (contractor) in Fifty-fifth-st., between Second and Third-avenues, to the great danger of the neighborhood, as there is no covering to said blasts when set off.

Ellen Doran complains that Thomas Quiglas, of New-York, promised her marriage. He has now deserted her, and refuses to support her and her baby. The matter was referred by Colonel Ming to the Commissioners of Emigration.

Alexander Lacey, of Belfast, Maine, bought a worthless watch at a mock-auction shop in Chatham-street, for which he paid $8.

Oliver Stockton complains that Broadway, between Reade and Duane-street, is very much encumbered with ice, making it very dangerous for horses and travelers.

E. Jeffer, No. 102½ Third-avenue, complains that the butcher's shop at No. 102 said avenue is a perfect nuisance—that the butchers slaughter pigs and calves upon the premises in the basement, and cast the filth and offal into the water-closet. The stench, they say, is intolerable, and productive of sickness to those living in the neighborhood. He also complains that calves are constantly bleating there, and that a goat also makes a noise; that flies are consequently in great numbers; decomposed vegetables are allowed to collect in the yard, and that, in fact, it is as filthy a place as can be found in the City.

The number of complaints registered yesterday was pretty full—varying but little from those ordinarily entered on the Complaint Book. Among them are the following:

J. H. Maynard, Fourteenth-street, opposite Irving-place, complains that loafers congregate around the corner of Fourteenth-street and Irving-place, on evenings, and that a very valuable cow was stolen from his yard on Saturday night last.

Thomas Green, No. 201 West Twenty-fourth-street, complains that John Leary, No. 199 Eighth-avenue, admits persons on Sundays to procure liquor through his back-door.

R. Pleit, No. 336 Pearl-street, complains that the street and gutter in front of No. 337 Pearl-street, is obstructed with mud, &c., and has been so for a long time; also, that boys play ball on Sundays in Franklin-square, much to the annoyance of the neighborhood; also, that carts encumber said square.

That there is a pond of stagnant water in the Seventh-avenue, near Fifty Seventh-street, caused by the contractor filling up the street, and that the same is unhealthy and injurious to the neighborhood.

That Wall-street from Broad to Pearl-street is encumbered with dirt and ice.

That gangs of rowdies and loafing boys congregate on the corner of Broome and Centre-streets, particularly on Sundays, and annoy and insult the neighbors, even ladies, passing.

That the ash carts do not remove the ashes in front of Dey-st. Hotel without department.

John Fitzgerald complains that he bought a worthless watch at No. 127 Broadway, of a "Funk."

Fires.

A fire took place in the dry goods store window of Cromie & Crawford, No. 489 Eighth-avenue, on Saturday evening, caused by some of the goods taking fire from the gas burner. The flames were extinguished with a few pails of water, and the damage done amounted to over $1,000; fully insured in the Pacific Insurance Company.

Early on Sunday morning the hat and cap store of James Harris, No. 391 Eighth-avenue, corner of Thirty-first-street, was discovered on fire, but in time to prevent much damage. Harris was arrested and is now in custody on suspicion of having fired his premises. His stock was insured for $2,600, equally divided in the Washington and Phenix offices.

At 10½ o'clock on Sunday night a fire took place in the smoke-house and provision store of Robert Morris, No. 514 Washington-street, caused by some of the meat in the smoke-house falling from the strings on the grating, setting the smoking apartment on fire. Not much damage was done. There is an insurance on the stock of $1,500, $2,000 of which is in the Columbia Insurance Company.

■ COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS—MARCH 5.

Before His Honor the Recorder.

Yesterday was the first day of the March term. Nothing was done beyond the empanelling of jurors. The Grand Jury did not attend in sufficient number to form a quorum, consequently they were dismissed till this day, when the Recorder's charge will be delivered. Of the Petit Jury an astonishing number were sick and got off on that sufficient excuse. If all our citizens are sick in the same proportion, the doctors of this City must be well employed. No cases were tried, but probably the Court will transact some business to-day. Doors open at 11 A. M.

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Diseases of the Lungs—Their Treatment by the Inhalation of Gold Medicated Vapors.

CONSUMPTION AND ITS CAUSES.

BY GUILFORD D. SANFORD, M. D.,

Of the New-York Lung Institute, No. 6 Bond-street.

The *Causes* of Consumption can only be divided into two divisions: *Hereditary and External Causes*. The *former* cannot be avoided—the *latter*, which include *Physical, Mental and Mechanical*, to a certain extent can. I speak briefly of *Hereditary tendencies* to that disease. It is a law of the animal and vegetable kingdoms, that "*like begets like*." It is impossible for *unhealthy* parents to beget *healthy* children. If the diseased organs of the parents be the Lungs, their children will *inherit* a tendency to diseases of the same organs. There is no one disease so liable to be *handed down* from parent to child, as Consumption—nor is it strange, when we consider the vast influence which the Lungs exert in forming and sustaining a healthy constitution—being the "Lamp of Life"—the origin of all nervous and vital force—the "heat-giving" which sets the wheels of life in motion.

The query here arises, have parents the *moral right* to entail upon their offspring consumption, disease and death, or rather should persons marry who have existing consumption, or a predisposition to that disease. No one doubts that the disease is entailed upon the child by the parents, which extends to future generations. How is this to be prevented? It is not in my province at this time to answer this question. I promise to do it hereafter.

I have said that Consumption was caused by a *filling up* of the air cells of the lungs of a peculiar kind of tuberculous or cheesy matter, and that this matter is formed in and deposited by the blood. I have endeavored to show that the disease or alteration of the blood is the result of a *previous disease or alteration* in the lungs—or in other words, that Consumption is primarily a disease of the lungs and not of the blood, which is the Orthodox theory, and which has been founded on the system of attempting to cure the disease by remedies which were supposed to possess the power of *purifying* that fluid. I claim that the latter is false in theory, and fatal in practice.

Pure air, and enough of it, is the necessary food of the lungs. If withheld, or changed in *quality*, the most serious and fatal results follow. Any organ of the human body increases in *size and strength* by use, and *decreases by disuse*. Let the reader keep this fact in view, and he will easily understand why certain causes induce consumption.

The physical causes of consumption are—those which *exclude* from the lungs *pure air*, and also prevent them from being *sufficiently exercised*. The reason is obvious why persons whose occupations are indoors, whose habits are sedentary, are more liable to the disease than those who enjoy the *fresh, pure air*—just as God made it. It is unnecessary that I should mention the occupations of those who are necessarily deprived of this blessing; nor those whose feet press the green earth, and whose brow is fanned by the breezes of Heaven. Consumption is a disease of *civilization—the attendant of fashion* and folly. The Red man of the forest, who, unrestrained by the conventionalities of *modern improvements*, who *lives* and *moves* in primitive simplicity, is never its victim.

Let me bring forward a common instance of withholding *pure air* from the lungs, and its results. Every person has experienced the *dullness, languor* and *nervousness* produced by visiting crowded assemblies. You have been an instance of partial suffocation, or *rather hanging*. It is seen in our churches, lecture-rooms, places of amusement, dwellings, sleeping apartments, offices. Behold what a change upon emerging into the life-giving air, pure and undefiled; how the eyes brighten and the cheeks glow. The *long-drawn breath* denotes a *return to life*. That health can exist for any length under such *deadly* influences, is absolutely impossible, and it is no "dispensation of Providence" that the "penalty of death" should be inflicted upon those who thus *knowingly* or *ignorantly* violate the laws of their existence. It is the legitimate *effect of causes*, and the punishment is *just*.

Consumption is often *induced* or invited by indulgence in the depressing passions. Fear, doubt, despondency, care and anxiety depress the vital powers, paralyze the muscular and nervous systems, and lay the foundation for the approach of that disease which "cometh like a thief in the night." How many a wife, who has watched for weeks and months the bedside of a sick and dying husband, whose heart is torn and bleeding with doubt and anxiety, has been hurried to the grave. The man of business, whose mind is harassed, day after day, with cares and perplexities, is often stricken down by its ravages.

I shall mention but few of the *mechanical causes of Consumption*. These consist in preventing the *free and natural* movements of the lungs, by *pressure* upon the surface of the ribs. The lungs are *naturally* larger in circumference, *under* the short ribs or waist, than around the upper part. Any external pressure upon the ribs is extended to the lungs, *thus preventing the inhalation of air*. Let me say a few words upon the effects of "tight lacing"—which is a *modern innovation*, or improvement upon the *handiwork* of the Almighty; volumes have been written upon this subject, still fashion requires that females' waists should be rendered "wasp-like," in order to merit the title of "lady." Who has not witnessed the *rapid and labored* breathing, as if the lungs would burst the bonds which bound them—strangulation is taking place as effectually as if a rope were around the neck. Suicide is being committed—Consumption is being invited, and death is the end; yet it continues "fashionable," and every year some new *implements of torture* are imported, to sap the foundation of life and health—while, in the meantime, Consumption is busily engaged in exporting the victims of such folly and ignorance, to the "bourne from whence no traveler returns."

Consumption will ever be the great "Destroyer" of the human race, so long as the laws of life and health are daily and constantly violated.

The causes of Consumption are upon the right hand and upon the left—its seeds are scattered broadcast over the earth—we breathe its germ—every breath—in the *ill-ventilated* sanctuary of our God and in the poisonous air of our dwellings. When will people understand the absolute necessity of *pure air, exercise* and a *proper diet*, to prevent and ward off the disease which decimates every hearth with its ravages? When will they learn the worse than *utter folly* of depending upon *drugs* for its prevention and cure.

Note.—I shall omit for a time my articles upon Consumption, as first proposed. Having been solicited to give my opinion upon the effects of alcohol in *preventing Consumption*, my next communication will be upon that subject.

MARCH 5.

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ARE THESE THINGS SO?—The experience of three generations have been directed to the Brandreth Pill. They have the advantage of at least one hundred and fifty years of study, and that directed with a single view to the perfection of this celebrated medicine. Of course it is not perfect yet—nothing earthly is so—but for all the purposes for which a purgative is required, it has few if any equals. There are thousands who use this medicine who have done so from periods varying from twenty to seventy years, and who give it great credit, who say it has restored them from sickness—often when every other means had failed—to perfect health and enjoyment. The fact is, that, if we can but understand that our afflictions from bodily ills, mainly proceed from impure blood, and that Brandreth's Pills purify the blood, then it is easy to understand how they are so successful in the cure of disease of opposite character, as costiveness and dysentery; stoppage of urine and diabetes. But we cannot take these Pills and love our blood; we cannot take these Pills and be cured if we follow the starving plan of treatment. To cure disease with the Brandreth Pills as the medicine, we require all the blood in our body, every drop of it.

In all acute diseases let Brandreth Pills and mild diet be used, and the patient will soon be restored to good health. In chronic complaints, let the Pills be used as often as convenient, by which means the vitality of the blood will be improved, and a crisis will be generally brought about; the disease being changed to acute, a few large doses of Pills and a few days confinement to the house, will change the chronically diseased individual to a sound man. This is no figure of the imagination; it can be proved by a thousand matter of fact men, who have experienced these effects. Remember, in all cases of disease, no matter whether it be a cold or a cough; whether it be asthma or consumption; whether it be rheumatism or pleurisy; whether it be typhus or fever and ague, or bilious fever; croup or whooping cough, or measles; whether it be scarlet fever or smallpox; that the Pills known as Brandreth's Pills, will surely do more than all the medicines of the Drug Store, for your restoration to health. And what is more will surely do you no injury. Use them so as to produce a brisk effect, and your sickness will be the affair of a day or two, while those who are too wise to follow this common sense advice, are often, unfortunately for themselves, sick for months.

DUSTY WEATHER AND BRANDRETH'S PILLS.—BRANDRETH'S PILLS are in a peculiar manner suitable to the diseases of this climate, and especially this City. Their prompt and judicious use clear the system of those accumulations often occasioned by suddenly checked perspiration, and by breathing air filled with dust, as it was in Broadway yesterday.

Influenza is atmospherical—it floats in the air—it is breathed and taken into the circulation, poisons our blood, occasions chills, shivering, sneezing, running at the nose, sore throat, running from the eyes, and, if not speedily cured, lays the foundation for consumption.

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Sold at Dr. BRANDRETH'S Principal Office, Brandreth Building—Entrance No. 43 Canal-street—at 25 cents per box, with full directions. Also, at the Branch Offices, No. 274 Bowery, and No. 241 Hudson-street.

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☞ They don't believe it, because they can't see it! Pray, tell us what they don't believe, and what they can't see. Why, the ladies who purchase those wet Goods of Messrs. CHAS. HEARN & Co., No. 501 Canal-street, don't believe they were damaged by either fire or water, for the simple reason they cannot see the slightest stain or blemish in way of them. It is true, some of the English and Domestic Long Cloths were slightly wet; but those pure Irish Linens, Marseilles, Quilts and Counterpanes, Lace and Muslin Goods, and all the White Goods, are in as good condition as any, direct from the manufacturers.

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☞ ANTHONY J. BLEECKER will sell on Tuesday, March 6, at 12 o'clock, at the Merchants' Exchange, houses and lots Nos. 134 and 136 and 140 Houston-street, and vacant lot No. 140 Houston-st., between Sheriff and Willett-streets, near Union Market. A large portion of the purchase money can remain at 6 per cent. For maps and particulars inquire of the Auctioneer, No. 7 Broad-street.

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HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—The surprising power possessed by this fine medicine, in the cure of all Diseases of the Liver and Stomach, is truly wonderful. Any case of Dyspepsia will readily yield to a few doses of this golden remedy. Sold at the manufactories, No. 80 Maiden-lane, N. Y., and No. 244 Strand, London; and by all druggists, at 25c., 62½c., and $1 per box.

MARRIED

At Newark, N. J., on Wednesday, Feb. 28, by Rev. D. T. Merrill, Baptist Minister, JOHN H. D. FIRCHETT, of Chester, Eng., to Miss SARAH SHEPHERD, of Bristol, Eng.

DIED.

In this City, on Sunday, March 4, of scarlet fever, EMMA MARCIA, youngest child of Ira and Amanda F. Hersey, aged 1 year, 4 months and 6 days.

In this City, on Sunday night, March 4, MARY, wife of William Colgate, in the 67th year of her age.

The friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend her funeral (by invitation only) on Tuesday, 6th inst., at 2 P. M., from her late residence, No. 22 E. 22d-st.

In this City, on Monday morning, 5th inst., MARY ALICE, youngest child of John and Mary A. Hogeman, aged 1 year and 6 months.

The friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend her funeral this day, (Tuesday,) the 6th inst., at 4 o'clock, from their residence, No. 218 W. 23d-st., without further invitation.

In this City, MILLARD FILLMORE, son of Ferdinand and Julia Freshley, aged 4 years, 4 months and 4 days.

His remains will be taken to Unionville, Westchester County, for interment.

In this City, on Monday the 5th inst., SARAH MATILDA, wife of William J. Wiswall, aged 49 years.

Funeral services at St. John's Church, Varick-st., at 12 o'clock, Tuesday, 6th inst. The remains will be taken to Raleigh, N. C., for interment.

In this City, of consumption, MARGARET PATTERSON, in the 23d year of her age.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend her funeral, at 1 o'clock, P. M., on Tuesday, 6th inst., from the residence of her father, Robert P. Patterson, No. 205 8th-st. The remains will be taken to Greenwood for interment.

In this City, on Monday afternoon, the 5th inst., EDWIN HENRY, only child of Thomas L. and Maria J. Conroy, aged 4 months and 22 days.

The funeral will take place this (Tuesday) afternoon, from the residence of his parents, No. 100 Varick-st.

In this City, on Monday, March 4, CHARLES HERMENY, youngest child of Geo. F. and M. Ann Ward.

Friends and relatives are invited to attend the funeral services at 1 o'clock, Tuesday, 6th inst., at No. 62 6th-st.

☞ Boston papers please copy.

In Brooklyn, on Monday, 5th inst., Mrs. ANN DE BEVOISE, widow of the late James De Bevoise, in the 84th year of her age.

The friends, acquaintances and relatives of the family are respectfully invited to attend her funeral, from her late residence, corner of Rockaway-st. and Hinsdale-st., on Wednesday afternoon, March 7, at 2 o'clock, without further invitation.

In Brooklyn, on Monday morning, 5th inst., ISAAC WILKINS WATERMAN, second son of Augustus and Mary Jane Waterman, aged 2 years, 4 months and 22 days.

The friends and acquaintances of the family are respectfully invited to attend his funeral without further invitation, from the residence of his parents, No. 187 Myrtle-st., Brooklyn, at 3 o'clock, P. M., on Tuesday, 6th inst.

Suffer little children to come unto me, for of such is the Kingdom of Heaven.

At Washington, D. C., on Saturday, March 3, after a sudden illness, Mr. NATHAN WHITNEY, of this City.

The remains will be interred in Washington.

In this City, on Sunday morning, 4th inst., REBAH J., wife of Charles Hinck, aged 27 years, 9 months and 22 days.

Funeral will take place on Tuesday, 6th inst., at 2 o'clock P. M., from her late residence, No. 177 West 23d-st.

COMMERCIAL AFFAIRS.

For Markets see Third Page.

Sales at the Stock Exchange, March 5.

$2,000 Indiana State 5s	91	50	N. Y. Cen. R. R.	b30	94
5,000 Virginia 6s	b3	94	100 do		94
4,000 do	s3	94	100 do		94
3,000 do	s3	94	100 do	b60	94
2,000 Louisiana 6s	86	37	Hudson River R. R.	s30	71
1,000 California 7s, '70	89	50	do	s30	71
1,000 do	89	50	do	b60	100
1,000 Sacramento City 10s	67	200	Erie Railroad	s3	44
3,000 Hrlm. 1st Mg. Bs	85	50	do	s60	44
5,000 Erie Bonds of '75, 1st iss	100	50	do	s30	44
9,000 do	93	100	do	b10	44
1,000 Erie Conv. Bds.	71	100	do	b60	44
3,000 do	72	50	do	b60	44
3,000 Hud. Riv. 2d Mg. Bs	80	50	do	s30	44
20,000 Ill. Cen. R. R. Dec. s	75	50	do	b10	44
10,000 do	s30	75	do	s3	44
9,000 N. Y. Cen. R. R. Bds	93½	200	do	s3	44
1,000 Chic. & N. I. R.R. Bds	85	200	Reading Railroad	c	73
4 Bank of America	111	100	do	s60	73
100 Mechanics' Bank	115	200	do	b15	73
50 Bank of Commerce	107	200	do	s3	73
10 Merchants' Ex. Bk	103½	200	do	s10	73
5 Corn Exchange Bank	84	200	do	b60	73
5 Am Exchange Bank	105½	100	do	b60	73
25 U. S. Trust Co	102	100	do	b60	73½
100 New Creek Coal Co	2	10	Mich. Southern R. R.	s	91
20 Nic. Transit Co	s3	15	S Mich. So. Construct'n	s3	91
600 do	s3	100	N. Y. and Harlem R. R.	s3	13
200 Canton Company	s3	24	11 Clev. C. & Cin. R. R.	b15	91
50 Cumb. Coal Co	b6w	34	100 Ill. Central R. R.	s30	86½
1000 Penn. & Lab. Z'nCo	s3	12	10 Clev. & Toledo R. R.		75

BETWEEN BOARDS.

The following sales of Bonds and Stocks were made at auction this morning, by A. H. NICOLAY:

$1,000 Wisconsin Improve'nt Fund 5s, 1st added					90½
7,000 Hudson River 2d Mortgage, 1st. added					72½
3,000 N. Y. & Harlem R. R., 1st Mortg., 1st. added					87½
2,000 Mich. South. R.R., Jackson Br. do., 1st. add.					70
4,000 N. Y. & N. H. R. R. 7's, 1866, 1st. added					75½
10,000 acres land DeKalb & Morgan Cos. Tenn. Warr					3c.
10 shares Third-avenue Railroad					99½
100 shares Erie Railroad					46½
10 shares Peoria and Oquawka Railroad					45
175 shares Cumberland Coal Company					34½
50 shares United States Mail Steamship Company					35
100 shares Chatham Bank					99
150 shares Isabella Copper Company					30c
5 shares North Eastern Company					40

Mr. S. DRAPER holds his regular auction sale of Stocks and Bonds at the Merchants' Exchange at 12 o'clock tomorrow.

SECOND BOARD.

$7,000 Indiana State 5s	90½	100	Erie Railroad	b10	44½
10,000 Virginia 6s	94	100	do	bsw	44
2,000 Missouri 6s	86½	37	Harlem Railroad		22
15,000 N. Y. 5s, '67	107	200	do		22½
200 N. Y. Cen. R.	94½	100	do	b30	22½
2,000 Ind. State Bonds	90	300	Reading Railroad	s3	73
2,000 Har. 1st M. Bs	85½	50	do	c	73
5,000 do	85	200	do		73
10 Nic. Transit Co	15	100	do		73
200 Cumb. Coal Co	34½	100	Hud. Riv. R. R.		70
400 do	b60	25	do	b15	70
100 do	s3	34½	50 do	b15	70
100 Erie Railroad	b60	41	20 Clev. & Toledo R. R.		74
50 do	s3	44	5 Gal. & Chicago R. R.		87
50 do	45	50	do	bsw	88
150 do	b15	44½	100 N. Y. Cent. R. R.	b30	96
44 do	s3	44½	100 do	s3	96
50 do	s3	44½			

MONDAY, March 5—P. M.

The Weekly Official Bank Averages, which we advertise in this paper, to Saturday, March 3, present an increased movement in all departments, including an addition to the Specie reserve of $160,276. The comparison with the previous return, February 24, shows an:

Increase of Loans	$793,611
Gain in Specie	160,276
Addition to Circulation	142,908
Increase of Deposits	1,429,123

Including the regular Sub-Treasury balance, as it stood on Saturday afternoon, the following is the general

COMPARATIVE RECAPITULATION.

	Dec. 24.	Feb. 24.	March 3.
Loans	$81,653,037	$81,560,402	$82,346,103
Specie	12,076,147	16,376,608	16,536,884
Circulation	7,075,092	6,963,740	7,106,708
Deposits	69,822,628	76,564,193	77,993,316
In Sub-Treasury	5,566,049	4,080,898	4,580,897

The week opened on a liberal supply of money, at short notice, and on 30 to 60 days' paper, at 6@7 ⅌ cent.; most of the business done on the inside figure. On very select securities, returnable on demand, loans are occasionally offered at 5 ⅌ cent. Some of the Foreign Bankers are not able to place their surplus means satisfactorily on these cheap terms, and are not disposed to increase their drawings on London and Paris except at full Specie rates; preferring to have their balances, on the other side, accumulate for the present where they carry from 4 to 5 ⅌ cent. without risk. Good bills on London were not readily had from the regular drawers under 109⅝, and transient Bank signatures brought 109⅝; Paris 5.12½@5.11½. It has been stated that a portion of the Canadian and other British North American bank means hitherto employed in Wall-street have been sent home or transferred to Boston, under the apprehension that the recent tax law, to reach non-residents, may be construed to apply to the floating capital temporarily used by these concerns. The Assay Office received to-day about $270,000 of the Gold brought by the Nicaragua steamer; the remainder being in Coin from the San Francisco Branch Mint. The Office has been happily relieved by Congress from the absurd construction upon the law for its establishment which compelled the transmission of the Gold to Philadelphia before refining for coinage. The Treasurer has on hand a supply of fine bars, to pay out on the deposits of crude Gold made to-day, in season for the steamer to Europe on Wednesday. The export by this opportunity will probably be increased to $800,000, possibly, if the bars can be had, to one million dollars. We are requested to say that the remittance to ADAMS & Co. by the California steamer was $43,000 more than manifested by the purser. In objecting, this morning, to an alteration of the purser's report, we did not mean to doubt this representation; but the rule, which is deemed most respectful to the ship's officer, will nevertheless continue to be observed.

The Stock Exchange was full one ⅌ cent. higher in the prices of the more active Shares, today, and a good business was also done in two or three leading Railway Bonds at a fraction advance on the rates of Saturday. Reading and Erie were the principal attraction; of the former, the sales amounted to 5,000 Shares, closing 73⅞ cash, 60⅞ buyer 60 days; Erie 46⅞; New-York Central 95⅞ cent.; Illinois Central Bonds 75; Erie new Bonds 83½ ⅌ cent. The general market closed firm, and the Bulls, through the day, had the advantage over the opposite party. A leading member of the Board, generally known as a Bear, has been a very large and ste